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THE CHANGE IN FRANCE.

Marshal MacMahon's Acceptance of the Presidency—Republicans Calm, Moderate, and Orderly.

The news from the French capital is of the utmost importance. M. Thiers has resigned the Presidency of the Republic, and Marshal MacMahon has been chosen his successor. The debate upon the interpellation of the Government was resumed in the Assembly on Saturday morning. M. Thiers addressed the legislative body, urging the definitive establishment of the republic. The speech was cordially received by his own supporters, but the Right preserved an ominous silence. At the afternoon session an order of the day emanating from the Government was rejected by a vote of 362 against 348, and immediately thereafter another order, proposed by the Right, declaring that the present form of government was not under discussion, and regretting that the reconstruction of the Ministry did not afford conservative guarantees, was adopted by a vote of 360 against 344. Shortly after, the Assembly adjourned amid a scene of confusion. Upon the opening of the night session, a message was read from M. Thiers tendering his resignation of the Presidency, which was accepted, after a fruitless effort by the Left to procure a different result. M. Thiers' friends then endeavored to secure an adjournment, but the Right resolutely insisted on an immediate election for President. The vote was then taken, and resulted in the choice of Marshal MacMahon, who received 390 votes. The Left refrained from voting. Marshal MacMahon immediately accepted the Presidency, and it was announced that the Ministers would temporarily remain in office. As may well be imagined, the greatest excitement prevailed in Paris during the entire day and evening, but no disorder resulted.

Order Throughout the Country—Formation of the New Government.

PARIS, Sunday Evening, May 25.—The change in the Presidency has been accomplished without the slightest disturbance. Perfect order prevails throughout France. The troops have been confined to their barracks since yesterday morning, but all is quiet in Paris, and there are no signs of disorder in the departments.

The radical journals to-day are calm in tone. They recommend prudence and wisdom on the part of the Republicans, and urge peace and a strict adherence to law.

M. Gambetta has issued a manifesto calling on the Republicans to respect the law.

Marshal MacMahon has sent a communication to M. Buffet, President of the Assembly, acknowledging the receipt of the official notification of his election to the Presidency, and accepting the office, in the following terms:

"I will obey the will of the Assembly, the depositary of the national sovereignty. It is a heavy responsibility, but with God's aid and the devotion of the army I will continue the work of liberating the territory and restoring order, and will maintain tranquility and the principles on which society rests. To this I pledge my word as an honest man and a soldier."

The President has issued a circular to Prefects of Departments promising that no attack shall be made on the laws and institutions of the country.

The formation of the new Government has not yet been completed. It is said that the Duke de Broglie will have the Ministry of the Interior, and M. Pierre Magne that of Finance; and that the Baron de Larcy and MM. Ernoul and Batbie will also enter the Cabinet.

A portfolio was tendered to M. Goulard, late Minister of Finance, immediately after President Thiers' resignation, but he declined it.

A large number of Republican functionaries have resigned.

The Situation Preceding the Change in the Presidency.

Paris (May 11) Correspondence of the London Times.

The expected triumph of the Radicals in most, if not in all, of the elections which are being held to-day has been to a great extent discounted, and, moreover, is not of much real importance as compared with other causes for serious uneasiness. There is no disguising the fact that the state of affairs in France is highly critical, and the events which may follow the meeting of the Assembly are looked forward to with anxiety. To-morrow week, or at latest on the following day, the important Government bills which have been prepared during the recess, will be laid before the Deputies. Although their general tenor may to some extent have previously transpired, that will hardly diminish the sensation their official presentation is certain to produce.

The campaign will be opened at once, and serious engagements may be expected. The highly republican exordium will not reconcile the Radicals to the conservative nature of some of the measures brought forward, and which they will declare reactionary infringements on the integrity of universal suffrage. We may be sure of them violently opposing the proposed mode of transmitting the powers of the President of the Republic, and of their being indignant at the new Electoral law. Though the term of residence required of an elector should be fixed at only one year, that will still be too long for the Left, while, in reality, it will go but a little way toward purifying the suffrage so little that there has been a talk of abandoning the restriction, and of allowing every man to vote who has passed the military conscription. There is a difference of opinion as to the decree in which voting by districts, instead of on the existing plan, would modify the character of the Assembly. One thing is certain, that at the present time the proportions of parties in the country are not fairly represented in the Assembly, and this is what makes the position of the Government so difficult. If it pleases the majority in the Chamber, it displeases the majority in France, and vice versa. It is not surprising if M. Thiers at times betrays discouragement, and talks as if he no longer hoped or desired a long lease of power, but limited his wishes to witnessing the evacuation of France, and would be prepared when the last Prussian has left to vacate his present exalted place. He would be all the stronger but for his supposed resolution to retain it. France at this moment is sick with uncertainty, and anxiously desires that the Government should clearly declare its intentions. The days are gone when a trimming policy might serve the turn. The attitude of the Government during the recess has decidedly weakened it. The contest at Paris was a great mistake, due to M. Thiers' too sanguine and hopeful temperament. Something should have been done to lessen its bad effect, but it seems nothing could be agreed upon. Where decision should have been prompt irresolution prevailed, and the enemies of the Government have had it all their own way. Among M. Thiers' advisers there have not been wanting men of a bold stamp, who have tried to persuade him to emerge at once from his enervating inaction. It is now almost too late, and yet, even now, something might be done. Among the many anecdotes current relating to the Paris election was one of a working-man, who, while expressing great respect for M. de Rémusat, declared he had voted against him because he considered that as a Republican, he was not sufficiently cured. As there could be no doubt about Barodet's "sagaciousness," he had preferred him. It is much the same with M. Thiers. If he would take up a decided attitude, he would double his strength, or, rather, he would replace weakness by strength. There is no difficulty about the matter if he could but find courage to make the plunge, instead of shivering on the brink. He has repeatedly declared his conviction that the Republic is the only form of government at this present moment possible in France. He must surely by this time be equally convinced that his system of governing *en dehors des partis* does not answer and cannot any longer be continued. In the calmest periods of French history that system has never succeeded, and how much less can it do so in the present state of affairs? He has pursued the delusion for two years, and with the sole result that his policy is now, so to speak, used up. The President cannot be blind to this fact, and we may, therefore, hope he will adopt a different course. Unfortunately, there are no signs of it up to the time. There is nothing to prevent him to-morrow publishing a manifesto in which he shall set forth his opinion concerning the necessity of the Republic in France and his determination to immediately and definitively proclaim it, at the same time announcing his firm decision to resign the Presidency if the Assembly does not give him a majority on this question. It must be no mere threat; he must pledge himself to the Republic or to resignation. When the country has spoken, he would do as he said, it would discover that it could not well spare him, and its temper would tell upon the Assembly. And, supposing the worst and that he had to resign, he would do so with credit and honor to himself. His exit would be made amid the applause of Europe. It would not be a fall—a deposition—like that of a dethroned and crowned head—but he would descend with dignity and a good grace from his Presidential chair, and retire into private life as the first man in France.

The most gratifying assurances have been addressed to M. Thiers by certain large French towns in which have returned radical candidates in preference to those who might be supposed more agreeable to him. Those cities are anxious he should not suppose that any hostility or opposition to himself was thereby intended. The vote was not against him, but against his enemies and those of the Republic. You can imagine all that might be said in such communications, to which no greater importance need be attached than to the deferential and coaxing tone adopted since the election by organs of the Radical party. "We will cover him with flowers," quoth the Communard Rane, and that is what they are doing. M. Thiers will not attach much importance to such rhetorical blossoms. Apropos to this, it is related that M. Gambetta was lately asked why he had promoted the election of Barodet. "It was reported that you rather submitted to it than wished for it." "Not at all," replied the leader of the Left, "it was I who invented it. We could not give up Paris. We had to prove to our friends that in the capital, at any rate, we could have our own way and carry all before us." While the Left caresses M. Thiers, the Extreme Right is more than ever bitter against him. In the places of resort of the elite of that party, the *talons rouges*, or descendants of the Crusaders, as they are often called, the President of the Republic is daily held up to execration. The fury of hatred and abuse has never been greater; and if the panic among the Legitimists in consequence of the late elections was not real, they certainly take much trouble and make serious sacrifices in order that it may appear so. I hear of well-attested cases of suspended building, countermanded furniture, money sent to England, and other symptoms of genuine alarm. In former letters I gave my reasons for believing it unfounded, and they exist unchanged. Any attempted disturbance in Paris would be promptly and bloodily suppressed—at least if the troops were allowed to have their way. But it is another question what view the army might take of a general movement in the great cities of France which should not be attended with armed attacks upon the police and soldiery, but should be of the nature of a resolute determination in favor of some particular party or form of Government. One can imagine a case when the army would rather be disposed to look on and let be than to strike in.

In the present temper of the Legitimists, there can be no doubt that in the coming divisions we shall see them as before, voting against the Government and against their own consciences, in combination with the advanced Left. The efforts of the Ministerialists and of the Right are at this moment especially directed to obtain the support of the Right Centre, or as least of its more liberal portion, which is not considered wedded to monarchical institutions, but open to a conservative Republic. The *Orléanistes pointus*, as the more rigorously dynastic members of that section of the Assembly are called, may be expected to remain at first where; but if the others could be induced to give steady support to M. Thiers, he would have a good working majority in the Centre of the Chamber. So far as can be ascertained, there is likely to be very little acceptable to the Left in the constitutional bills now preparing by Messrs. de Rémusat and Dufaure. Those sides of the Assembly may be expected to oppose every section of the electoral law, as well as the establishment of a Second Chamber, and, without going into details of the arrangements for the transmission of power which may not all be definitively settled, I can assure you that the bill, as a whole, will be entirely unacceptable to them.

POSTAL CHANGES.

Postmasters Appointed and Offices Discontinued or Established.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The following postal changes have been ordered during the past week:

NEW-ENGLAND.—Postmasters appointed—Houlton, Aroostook County, Me., Thomas P. Hackard; Marbledale, Litchfield County, Conn., George T. Sperry; Nepaug, Litchfield County, Conn., S. H. Mason; Hebron, Tolland County, Conn., Horace L. Lee; Square Pond, Tolland County, Conn., J. H. Dimmock. Office Discontinued—Washington Depot, Litchfield County, Conn.

NEW-YORK.—Offices established—Stanton Hill, Greene County, Isaac Reach, Postmaster; Tahawus, Essex County, Jno. Cheney, Postmaster; Boreas River, Essex County, Mrs. Nelson Latter, Postmaster; Coxsackie Station, Columbia County, Martin L. Smith, Postmaster; Conquest, Cayuga County, H. J. Wood; Groveland, Livingstone County, H. E. Harney; North Broadalbin, Fulton County, C. C. Kingsley; Himrods, Yates County, Levi Longcor; Freedom Plains, Dutchess County, Wm. Taumer; Deming, Ulster County, George R. Johnson; Ringgsville, Steuben County, Eber Fisk; Kanona, Steuben County, S. H. Huston; Water Valley, Erie County, E. C. Hubbard.

NEW-JERSEY.—Postmaster appointed—New-Sharon, Monmouth County, Frank G. Stevenson.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Postmasters appointed—McIntyre, Lycoming County, James O. Bullock; Hunterville, Lycoming County, John A. Waters; Half-moon, Centre County, Mrs. Hannah Hartswick; Parnassus, Westmoreland County, James E. Lane; Mount Bethel, Northampton County, Dr. J. F. Raub; Port Royal, Juniata County, Mary M. Wharton. Office discontinued—Ellendale Forge, Dauphin County.

MARYLAND.—Postmaster appointed—Rayeville, Baltimore County, William Gorsuch.

Important Railroad Suit.

HARRISBURG, Penn., May 25.—A case of great importance, in which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company are defendants, was argued in the Supreme Court yesterday. The question involved is the right of the plaintiff to recover damages for the killing of a man on a crossing on the public highway when the defendants proved affirmatively that the person killed did not stop, look, or listen before he drove on the crossing. The counsel for the company contended that this was negligence in law, which was denied by the other side. Great interest is felt in the case here, as it is thought it involves the safety of passengers and travelers, and also as it presents an entirely new point. The case is of great importance to the railroad company, as it would hold them responsible in every case of injury at a public crossing if decided against them. The decision has not yet been given.

The Lumber Trade Failures.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Mr. R. A. Loneland, lumber merchant, of this city, who is mentioned in yesterday's dispatch from Troy as one of a combination of lumber dealers who recently failed, in an interview last evening with a reporter, makes substantially the same statement as that of Dodge & Co., telegraphed from New-York last night, and adds that no firm has his in the West is affected by the troubles of firms in the combination referred to, which had no intention whatever of attempting to control the Western trade, as that would be impossible.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 25.—Mr. C. B. Nicolls, of this city, who was named in a dispatch dated Troy, as being connected with a lumber combination and having failed, denies any such connection, and says the statement that he has failed is without the shadow of a foundation in truth.

NOTES FROM ALBANY.

Closing Work of the Session—What has Been Done and What Remains to be Accomplished.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Saturday, May 24, 1873.

Everybody seems to agree in the opinion that the Legislature will adjourn sine die next Thursday. Everybody did not agree when the House passed the concurrent resolution to close up business yesterday, that it would do so on that day; on the contrary, there were many irreverent people who declared that the resolution was "buncombe;" but now there is almost entire unanimity in fixing the final adjournment for the day named, so it may reasonably be anticipated that the Legislature will really break up at that time. There has been little or nothing in the conduct of business during the past week to indicate the close of the session is so near. The proceedings have continued in all respects the same as in earlier weeks, and the rush of work which is usual at this late period has not yet begun. Of course, there will be some crowding between this and next Thursday; but from the present forward condition of business it is not anticipated that it will be nearly so bad as in former years. Every bill now going through will have to stand the test of a full House, and this, our experienced lobbyists are well aware, is very fatal to jobs. For this reason, the adjournment of the House yesterday is scarcely to be regretted. Its effect has certainly been to hopelessly cripple a whole crop of them. The Assembly books show that there are now ninety-nine bills on the order of third reading. A single day will be sufficient to dispose of the larger part of these, as the House holds three sittings, occupying altogether over ten hours daily. Among the more important of these bills may be mentioned that apportioning the Congressional districts, which Mr. Husted carried through committees with such startling rapidity, but which promises to cause some trouble when it comes up again; the bill to amend the code of procedure; the Crary newspaper claim bill; Senator Murphy's bill to allow aliens to hold and dispose of real estate; a bill to amend the New-York Building law; another to compel gas companies to make reports to the State Controller, as insurance companies have to the Insurance Superintendent, which was introduced by Burns; the Senate bill making an appropriation for the enlargement of the Champlain Canal, (not Smith Weed's;) and lastly, Senate bill No. 111, which is the Local Option bill in its new form, and over which there is certain to be some strong controversy unless it be cut off by some parliamentary trick. The books further show that up to yesterday 1,455 bills had been introduced, of which 728 had been passed and sent to the Senate.

In that body seventy-nine bills await third reading, the Supply bill being added to the list to-day. There have been introduced there up to date 694 bills, of which 421 have been passed. The Congressional Districts bill, introduced by Mr. Woodin, being the same as that in the House, awaits third reading; so also does that providing for the payment of Brennan's employes. If the Senate pass it, the bill will get to the Governor in good time to be vetoed. The bill defining the fees of coroners, and that introduced by Mr. Blakie, authorizing the Board of Apportionment to designate a paper in which the City court calendars shall be published, are also on the list, and with them the bill relating to the distribution of Croton water and the laying of mains, which was passed by the Assembly on the 1st inst. This bill, by the way, is one of those which appear to have titles framed to disguise their real object. In this case the title covers an act to authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to certify what is due to John B. Greene, contractor, for laying certain water mains in the City in 1871, and upon such certificate being given, the Controller is required to pay to Mr. Greene the sum it certifies to be due. The Industrial Exhibition swindle awaits its third reading. The bill is now in the form in which the two or three individuals who constitute the company and have been lobbying it through, most desire it to retain. They are probably happy in thought of the two millions and over they are to get from the City, and for which they generally return their preferred stock as security, but they may yet be reckoning their chickens before they are hatched. The bill may not pass, as it should not, for, as it is, the scheme is a swindling concern right through.

THE SUPPLY BILL.

As stated above, the Supply bill was ordered to a third reading to-day in the Senate. Its consideration was commenced there Wednesday evening, and was not interrupted till the last line of the bill was reached this morning. Much the same scene which took place over it in the House was re-enacted in the Senate; and of the two, the latter was probably the worst. It is not easy at this time to speak with any definiteness of the aggregate amount added to the sum total of the appropriations, as the bill came from the hands of the Finance Committee. They reported it in a much reduced condition, but the swelling process was carried on in the Senate till the bill has assumed more plethoric proportions than the House gave it. There, though the amendments were many, they were for comparatively small sums; the Senators did not stoop to hundreds, but went in for their thousands and hundreds of thousands, acting strictly on log-rolling principles. They helped each other and denied nothing; going far beyond anything the House did. One instance for illustration: Senator Harrower, the Democratic representative of the Twenty-seventh district, is an individual who during the whole of the session up to this week has not opened his mouth but once, and on that interesting occasion it was to move that rat-terriers and poodles be exempted from the operation of an act for the protection of sheep against dogs. This convinced the Senate that the man was not dumb, which otherwise might have been suspected. Satisfied with achieving this important success, he relapsed into his normal condition of profound silence, only to be aroused when the Supply bill came up. Last night Mr. Harrower offered an amendment to it, appropriating $800 for extra compensation to one Rhodes, a dismissed official of Clinton Prison. This claim was for some strange reason in the Supply bill, as it came from the Ways and Means Committee in the House, covered up as a deficiency of salary item, but the Chairman of that committee stated the circumstances, and moved to strike it out, which the House did unanimously. No one denied that Rhodes was a defaulter, except the man himself, and yet in the face of this, and notwithstanding it came from a source which inspired the reverse of respect, the Senate actually voted the amendment into the bill which the House had unanimously rejected. It might be supposed that some good, substantial reasons were given which induced the Senate to do so astonishing an act. There was not one, nor the shadow of one. It will hardly be believed that the argument most earnestly advanced by Senators Lord and Johnson, in behalf of this claim, was that as the ex-official was a defaulter, it was proper to pay him this "deficiency of salary," as they called it, to help him repay the State. And there were sufficient Senators round the circle to vote the money. It is true the amount was not large, but had the claim come alone, at any other period of the session, Senators would have stood aghast at the consummate impudence of a man who could prefer it; but each Senator having his own peculiar scheme deare to provoke an opposition which may be fatal to it. If log-rolling could be carried to this extreme, it may readily be imagined with what facility less doubtful appropriations were incorporated in the bill. I should add here that, when it was disposed of to-day, Mr. Harrower dumbly offered some resolutions relating to the Elmira Reformatory, which started out with an insulting reference to Mr. D. P. Wood, as chairman of the Finance Committee.

THE TAMMANY NEWSPAPER CLAIMANTS.

Our old acquaintances, the newspaper claimants, seem to be getting a little discouraged. The significant reluctance of the Senators to have anything to do with their bill the other day convinced them that they had little to hope for there. Even Mr. Murphy's advocacy of their cause failed to arouse any enthusiasm for it. The vote by which the bill was lost was reconsidered, after much trouble in getting the requisite number, and there the bill is left. The claimants say they have abandoned it, and are going in for the Crary bill in the House. It may be suggested to all future claimants of their stamp that it is not always the wisest course to ask too much. They brought up with them a bill so monstrous in its provisions that the committee to which it was referred laughed at it; but believing there might be a modicum of truth in their claims, Mr. Crary, in conjunction with Mr. Prince and Mr. McGuire, drew up a bill intended to sift the good from the bad, and mete out such justice as the case required. When the claimants saw its character, they declared (I quote the actual expression) "they would not give two cents for it." Then going to work with the Senate Committee, they managed to get such a bill reported from it which was quite satisfactory to them. The result has been, first, that those clauses which were so pleasing in their eyes were nearly all stricken out; and next, that even when this was done the Senate looked so coldly on the measure that the claimants have concluded to abandon it, and now turn to the Crary bill as their last hope. Mr. Crary's experience, by the way, in this newspaper matter has not been altogether a pleasant one. The clamorous crew he tried to assist have almost worried the life out of him. They wanted him to amend the bill as they desired it, and his steady refusal brought a perfect plague about his ears.

THE GAS BILLS.

It is very doubtful whether the Donohue Gas bill will pass; in fact it may be assumed it is dead. The House passed it some weeks ago, and sent it to the Senate, where it was referred to the Committee on Cities. Mr. Perry has done his best to get it reported, but without success; and finding his efforts in that direction to be productive of results which he had not anticipated, and was far from desiring, he dropped the matter, and the bill remains where it went. This, it will be seen, does not hold out the most cheerful prospect for the passage of the Burns Gas bill, even if it should pass the House. Going to the Senate, it will most probably be referred to the Cities Committee, and if the Donohue bill could not find favor in its eyes, the Burns bill will doubtless fail to secure it. As to the Smith Gas bill, that is in general orders, and being a document of one section only, and that a short one, there seems no reason why it should not speedily be disposed of.

THE CLOSING WEEK—HUMORS OF THE HOUSE.

That next week should be a busy one in both branches of the Legislature is only in the regular course of things. There will be two important conference committees at work, one on the Supply bill, the other on the constitutional amendments; and less weightier matters in controversy will doubtless give rise to more. Then the Charter Supplemental bills have only just been reported from the Assembly Committee on Cities, and the others from the Senate Committee. The bill for the consolidation of the City and County will have to be passed; and there is the important and urgently-demanded Park Improvement Bonds bill still lagging low on the General Order Calendar in the House. Until it becomes a law, there can be no money for the Park Department, and the works must stop. Yet it will be found where it is now when the Legislature adjourns, unless a change takes place in the opinions that at least one gentleman entertains toward it. We have, too, good promise of a storm on the question of temperance legislation, for the opponents of it are beginning to put on a bold front, as the events of Friday showed; and a squabble threatens on this trumpery Stephen English case, if the majority and minority reports of the committee are called up. The house will have to sit out some long sessions, and when such a body of men get tired, they inevitably either wrangle or play. Last Thursday night they did the latter, and business did not suffer delay, as it certainly would if quarreling had been the order. That was a remarkable session. A large number of clergymen, called here by the Methodist Convention, were present in the Chamber, and the astonishment with which they viewed the capers cut up may be imagined. The air was alive with flying projectiles, while every minute a loud "whack!" resounded through the Chamber, and some bald-headed gentleman started up rubbing the spot where an accurately-aimed shot had struck home, and then in the same instant dispatched another with vengeful precision at some other cranium. The leading spirit of all this play was Mr. Pierson, who certainly realises the ideal of "an old boy." He started the trick (which promises to be a popular one) of coughing down the obnoxious talkers, and whenever a particularly weighty projectile brought down its man, it was certain that his muscular arm had hurled it. He nearly crushed Mr. Husted under an enormous file of bills, weighing about ten pounds, and while Mr. West, of Saratoga, was quietly reading a paper, sent a hard paper-ball at him with such remarkable precision that his spectacles were knocked endways, and the Saratoga *Highflyer* described circles in the air as if it were a thing of life. When exhausted with these amusements he retired to Smith Weed's corner, and "chaffed" that intensely earnest gentleman unmercifully. It is not probable, and perhaps not desirable, that the House will find time for such games again. A great deal of hard work is before it, and members are desirous to get home quickly, and end this long session—the longest for many years past, and in some respects the most arduous and fatiguing.

THE WEATHER.

Synopsis and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, May 26—1 A. M.—The barometer has risen, with north-westerly and south-easterly winds, clear and cooler weather in the Middle and Eastern States and Canada; falling barometer, rising temperature, increasingly cloudy weather and north-westerly to south-easterly winds for the lakes, and thence to the Ohio and lower Missouri Valleys, with rain in Indiana; southerly winds, diminishing pressure, and moderate temperature in Tennessee and the Gulf and South Atlantic States, with rain in Tennessee.

PROBABILITIES.

For the Middle States, south-easterly and north-easterly winds, cooler, clear, and partly cloudy weather, with possibly rain in the south-western portion; for the lakes and north-west and thence to Missouri and Kentucky, partly and increasingly cloudy, warm weather, and occasional rain, with falling temperature in the evening west of the Mississippi Valley; for the Gulf and South Atlantic States and Tennessee, southerly and south-westerly winds, partly cloudy weather, and occasional rains. Reports are missing from the South-west and the Pacific coast.

City Meteorological Report.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature during the past twenty-four hours, with the average for the same, as indicated by the thermometer at Dickinson's drug store, No. 3 Park-row: 3 A. M., 69½°; 6 A. M., 66½°. 9 A. M., 71½°; 12 M., 77½°; 4 P. M., 83°; 6 P. M., 82°; average temperature yesterday, 75°.

ITALY.

The Ministry—Resignation of the Cabinet—The King's Attitude—Press Sentiment—The Resignation Reconsidered.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ROME, Tuesday, May 6, 1873.

The Ministry has gone to wreck during the past week—an event for a long time looked forward to. But it was a surprise to everybody to find that it had stranded in the almost unheard-of port of Taranto. Several weeks ago I suggested that the Italian Cabinet, imitating the example of that of England, would offer its resignation, and that the crisis would be followed by a similar result. Such is about the actual situation here. The question by which the defeat has been brought about is one of secondary importance. In the southern part of the Peninsula, in one of the bays of the Ionian Sea, is the little maritime settlement of Taranto. The position is an excellent one for a naval stronghold, and it is proposed to establish an arsenal there. To make a beginning, the Ministry asked of Parliament an appropriation of about 7,000,000 francs. The Opposition, uniting with members of the parties of the Right and Centre and Députies representing local interest, voted 23,000,000 francs for the object, or more than three times the amount asked for. The act seemed like one of trifling with the serious purpose of the Ministry, which is that of introducing into the expenditure every possible economy. It is not the only time that the chamber has done the same thing. It is easy enough to vote money in unlimited sums for every possible object; but the difficulty is to find it. The purpose seems to have been to break down the Government by putting upon its shoulders a greater weight than it could possibly carry. The Minister of Finance, a little while back, submitted a report, in which he made known what could be done with all the resources then at his command, and recommended to the chamber not to vote new sums of money without making provision for raising them—a just and reasonable proposal, by which financial responsibilities might be divided. But the Deputies have persisted in making a camel of the Ministry, and this new weight put on has broken its back.

SIGNOR SELLA.

The admission is general that, so far as the plans of the Minister of Finance are concerned, it will not be easy to find one more capable than Signor Sella of overcoming the difficulties of a trying situation. With the prospect at present, it will be a long time before the incumbent of the office, whoever may succeed to it, will be able to rest upon a bed of roses. To be badgered and taunted by Parliament, and blamed and buffeted with ungrateful terms by the public, is not the reward hoped for, or due to patriotic services.

PRESS SENTIMENT.

The King has refused to accept the resignation of counselors tried by several years of persistent endeavor, and the chiefs of several parties, called in as advisers, have confessed their inability to form a Cabinet at all more capable of conducting affairs. I never knew a greater confusion of opinion than is now exhibited in Italian newspaper writing. Several party organs make the charge that the Minister of Finance, having conducted the country to the worst possible position, shirks the responsibility at the moment when it is no longer possible to go forward. Others with as much confidence assert that no other can be found so capable of meeting the exigency. The opinion of moderate parties is that the Ministry should rest in place until the important question of the religious orders is disposed of—a project introduced under this administration. After that an appeal to the country and the election of a new Parliament. Many of the present Deputies have rusted into an indifference to duty as public servants.

THE RESIGNATION RECONSIDERED.

In the chamber, this morning, the President of the Cabinet announced, for himself and his colleagues, that they had consented to retain their places. The Deputies received the communication quietly, as if it were only one of the daily formalities of the House, to the disappointment of a crowd of spectators in the galleries, who had expected to be witnesses of an animated scene. The crisis was thus overcome without any considerable delay or damage to public interests. Notice has been given that the discussion of the convent question will begin to-morrow, and we shall soon be in condition to give a report of progress made. This little breeze has cleared away some of the clouds which have been hanging over the Parliamentary Chamber.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

As yesterday was the festa of St. Pio V., the Pope's namesake, notice was taken of it by ceremonies in the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore. There was also an audience given by the Pope at the Vatican to a company of French pilgrims, with a discourse by the Holy Father. As there are so many contradictory statements in the Italian newspapers as to the condition of the health of Pius IX., it is not strange that exaggerated accounts appear also in foreign journals. As I have a friend, a Monseigneur of the Vatican, whom I am helping along in his English, I have from day to day a very trustworthy report of the variations of the Pope's malady. The humor in the leg, so much talked about, is an affair of a great many years, and for the past dozen has been depended upon by the political prophets as that to cause his death. But that has been dismissed, since nearly a month back a sudden cold and the attack of lumbago took the Pope down, and has kept him pretty weak ever since. But yesterday, in his discourse to the hundred French pilgrims, he was able to rise from his chair to prove to them that he is not so badly off for physical strength as has been reported. Among the other bodily infirmities of the Pontiff is what may be called an old man's cough, so severe at times as to shake pretty roughly his heavy frame. But as its seat is more in the stomach than in any vital part, not much anxiety is felt on that account. It may be some time before the death of Pius IX. will give us an item for a letter.

BRIGANDAGE.

A very ancient chronic curse of the Roman Campagnia and the desolate hilly region overlooking the Pontine Marshes, was that of brigandage. Of late years, and particularly since the Italian Government has taken the matter in hand, we have heard a great deal less of this evil, and travelers by the high road have felt much less anxiety than formerly. But a few days ago the attention of the public was once more aroused by an attempt made upon a conspicuous citizen of Rome, at a point about fifteen miles south of this, between the Alban Mount and the sea. The Prince Borghese, with one of his sons, was going in his own carriage from Albano to Porto d'Anzio. When near Nettuno, a remote and lonely place, the scene of many aggressions, in past years, they were fired upon by three men, covered with masks, who were lying in wait by the side of the road. The shots did not do other damage than slightly wound one of the horses; so slightly hurt, indeed, that by rapid driving the Prince and his son succeeded in escaping from the gang, whose intention was to rob, or worse, of making captives for the purpose of obtaining a ransom. This road is watched by the armed men of the Government; but in the case of the present attempt the bandits had taken the precaution to select a moment after the patrol had made its usual round. There have been fewer highway robberies in and about Rome for the past twelve months than for the former term, for the reason of the greater vigilance of the police.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL STUDIES.

Increased interest in archæological studies has been awakened in Italy since the country has begun to feel the impulses of its new life. Rome is the great central field, and, such is the wealth of historic fragments buried under this soil, that it seemed as if the mine cannot be exhausted. As the excavations for new structures go on, something for the inspection of the student is every day uncovered. The special work which the Government is doing to assist investigations in this branch of science is considerable, and indeed much more than in the time of the dawdling efforts of the Papal administration. There is an annual appropriation out of the treasury of the State of about 60,000 scudi for work here in Rome, and much progress has been made in excavations. When the Government feels itself able to make larger appropriations, many old buildings, standing upon classical ruins, may be purchased and thrown down, and the sites uncovered down to the original level. An honor has been paid, the past week, to one of the most eminent of Italian archæologists by the removal of the remains of Canina to a final resting-place in the temple of Santa Croce. The important works published by this author upon the monuments of ancient Rome are among the most valuable and beautiful in this branch of science. A Piedmontese by birth, and an architect by profession, Canina raised himself by his studies to the highest place as an authority upon the remains of the imperial period. ANGELICO.

WASHINGTON.

Meeting of the Civil Service Advisory Board—The President Going South.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The joint meeting of the Cabinet and the Civil Service Advisory Board yesterday, resulted in a full and frank interchange of views. It was admitted by all present that there was a necessity for certain modifications of the system of regulations under which examinations have thus far been conducted. These modifications embrace a more just apportionment of the Governmental appointees at Washington, and an extension of the system of examination to fitness for special duties. The purpose of eliminating political dictation from the matter of appointments is certainly as strong with the President as ever, and the members of the board left the meeting with the feeling that the reform would continue to be enforced, and that the President and his Administration would give it all the support possible in the absence of the legislation which Congress has failed to enact.

DISPATCH FROM MINISTER WASHBURNE.

The Government has received no official advices of the condition of affairs in Paris beyond a brief dispatch from Mr. Washburne, merely stating the facts as they were printed this morning.

THE BODY OF MR. JAS. W. WALLACK.

Mr. Lester Wallack and Mr. A. M. Stetson arrived here this morning for the purpose of meeting the remains of Jas. W. Wallack, which arrived from Richmond this evening, and which went forward to New-York this evening. Mr. Wallack, as already announced, died yesterday on the road South of Richmond, while en route from North Carolina to the North.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

THE OFFICIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.

The official postage stamps and stamped envelopes are not to be used before the 1st July next, when the act abolishing the franking privileges goes into effect. Those stamps and envelopes are furnished for postal business only, and consequently they must not be sold or used on private correspondence or business, or applied to any private purposes whatever. Under no circumstances must they be sold, loaned, or given to any officer, agent, or clerk of any other department of the Government. A violation of any of these prohibitions will be held to constitute good grounds for removal. Until further notice, stamped envelopes of special design will be furnished to first-class offices only. Other offices will be supplied, as now, with official unstamped envelopes for use, with the official stamps.

THE PRESIDENT GOING SOUTH.

The President contemplates a trip to Norfolk, Petersburg, and Richmond early in June, to be absent from Washington about three days.

INDIAN TROUBLE.

An Insolent Old Savage—Suspicious Movements of California and Nevada Indians.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The settlers of Surprise Valley are alarmed at the fact of the old chief, Winnemucca, having gone north on the war-path with sixty warriors. He was followed by the cavalry, and asked where he was going. He told the officers to mind their own business, and that if they wanted to fight he was ready. He was warned to behave himself, and allowed to pass on.

VIRGINIA CITY, Nevada, May 24.—A telegram from the Deputy Sheriff of Elko County, sent to investigate the troubles with the Indians at Spruce Mountain, confirms the previous reports. A large number of Shakes, Goshoots, and Shoshones are holding council on Deep Creek, in the vicinity of Spruce Mountain. The redskins have all disappeared from around the settlement in this section. The herders in charge of Gov. Bradley's cattle, near the scene of the troubles, have been notified by the Indians to leave the country immediately, under penalty of being killed. The settlers of Spruce Mountain are securing all the arms and ammunition possible, and preparing to resist Indian quirazes.

The Recent Murder by a Drunken Woman in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., May 25.—Further developments in the murder case in which Lucy F. Cuff, colored, shot Joseph Price, also colored, show that the victim was her nephew. There had been a quarrel previously, in which Lucy endeavored to separate the parties, among whom were her husband, Philip Cuff, and Price. A policeman eventually put an end to the row. Subsequently Lucy loaded a four-barreled revolver, which, it is said, she has carried for three years, and went outside, where she met Price. After a few words were spoken, in which no provocation was given, Lucy fired and shot Price in the abdomen. She now asserts it was not her intention to shoot her nephew, and, as she was intoxicated at the time, the act may be attributable to a drunken freak. The coroner held an inquest to-day, and committed the prisoner for trial.

Arrival of the Steamer Lord of the Isles at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The British steamer Lord of the Isles, from Hong Kong, arrived this evening. She brought about 800 Chinese passengers, including the crew of a wrecked junk found in the China Sea, numbering nineteen. On May 15, she broke her crank-shaft and lay so four days and a half. She came to this port working one engine. The steamer brought no China papers.

The Providence Printing Cloth Market.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 24.—The printing cloths market closes dull and declining. Sales during the week were 35,000 pieces. Extra 34s closed at 6¾c., 56 by 60 at 6¼c.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Eighteen hundred Chinese arrived in San Francisco during the past week.

The report of the death of Henry Baker in San Francisco was premature. He has rallied, but there is little hope of his recovery.

Columbus O'Donnel, one of the oldest, wealthiest, and most influential citizens of Baltimore, died at 9:30 last night. The deceased was for thirty years President of the old gas company.

THE WESTERN CYCLONE.

Terrific Character of the Storm—The Devastation Complete in its Track—Loss of Life—Further Details.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 25.—Dispatches from Iowa give full details of the terrible cyclone of Thursday. Scarcely a dwelling or barn is left in its track. The town of Lancaster is entirely demolished. The cyclone started near that city, and advanced north-easterly, passing north of Tallyrand through the German settlement of Bader. It approached the line of Washington County, where it jumped a distance of about eight miles. It swept along the ground for six of eight miles, and then disappeared in the middle of the township as suddenly as it had appeared.

The fright of the people renders them unable to give a satisfactory account of the tornado. Those who witnessed it saw timber, cattle, sheep, mud, and trees whirled into the air with terrific force. Many saved their lives by going into cellars. Some who considered themselves safe in their dwellings found themselves sprawling on the ground in an instant, the houses being thrown over by the tornado. Boards and heavy timbers were driven into the ground so tightly as to be immovable. Dead horses, cattle, and hogs are visible on all sides, and chickens were found without feathers.

On the farm of John Cunningham 300 head of stock were killed outright. His family went into the cellar as the approach of the storm, but were lifted out and thrown on the ground by the wind. Mr. Davids, of the northern end of Cunningham's, was killed. Mr. Hendrix, who was with him at the time, received injuries from which he died Friday. All of his clothing was torn from his person.

The stumps of trees over which the cyclone passed have the appearance of being sawed off clean and smoothly.

A school-house containing the teacher and twenty pupils was torn to pieces. The daughter of Henry Eathmall was carried a quarter of a mile, where her mangled body was found almost nude. Miss Smith and six scholars were badly injured. Mud was blown with such force in their faces as to leave the appearance of tattooing with India ink, and it cannot be washed out.

Mrs. Walters was instantly killed near

THE NATION'S DEAD.

Decoration Our Soldiers' Graves—A Sermon by Rev. Mr. Kendrick.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church in Grand-street, Williamsburg, was yesterday morning well filled, owing to the announcement that Rev. Mr. Kendrick would preach on "The Decoration of the Soldiers' Graves." Among those present were several of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The reverend gentleman took his text from the sixty-first chapter of Isaiah, third verse: "Beauty for ashes." He said they had met that day for a noble purpose—to consider the propriety of strewing flowers over the graves of those who had died for their country. The occasion for that consideration was a good one—the Sabbath before the day set apart for that special ceremony. The season was also appropriate, the Spring coming into Summer; and as the sun drew from the earth everything green to receive its life and warmth from the solar rays, so should this occasion draw from the hearts of every good citizen that warmth of love toward the memories of those who perished that the country should be saved. The citizens and the soldiers have been made one in the cause which cost the latter their lives; and those who survive have been made one in the cause of honoring those who have gone before. Although those who decorate the graves may never have seen the faces of the dead that lie beneath, they must feel that their ashes belong to them, and as they plant the flowers let the hearts go out for those who fought and fell that they might enjoy life and liberty. The American Republic was good enough for these soldiers to live for, fight for, and even die for, and they died that we might live. All present should, therefore, have one heart as they meet and speak of the great devotion of those true men. The preacher had met them in camp, had consoled their last hours, had buried their dead bodies, and had written the sad news to their friends at home. One of the grandest sights he ever saw was in the camp, for the heroism of the citizen soldiers, their patience under suffering, and their endurance for the sake of their country were something marvelous. Beside the soldiers to-day stand the citizens, and he hoped they would catch the spirit of the time when the soldier took the first place. But there was a light almost of heaven in the darkness of that old trouble, threefold in its nature; for those soldiers were true heroes, true patriots, and the true friends of the country. On the first point, although the graves are mute, they yet speak. There was a heroism among those who fought for the wrong that even their opponents felt bound to respect; and when the old bitterness shall have gone from all hearts, the country will feel proud of the heroism of those who fell on the other side. The country proposed to deck the graves of heroes who fought against heroes, and met them in the conflict. Heroes our soldiers were indeed; for shoulder to shoulder they offered their breasts as a bulwark for their mother land, and marched forth to die, if necessary, or to be maimed if they must be, without fear. Of what consolation to the widow was the death-bed of many a soldier who, after a parting word for his wife, mother, sister, or child, and commending them to the care of his country, gave up his life without a murmur, and many times with a cheer on his lips. This occasion unites the living with the dead, the heroes who fell on the land or at sea, and reminds the living that they are bound to respect and love the soldier, and defend his helpless widow and orphans. On the second point, he showed how the soldiers of the United States were patriots, for they were called to the field at a critical time, while a mighty contention was going on among themselves as to which side was in the right, and many were even then in doubt. There were heroes on the wrong side, but patriots only on the right. To them we owe the salvation of our land; for they forgot everything but their country, and counted all as loss if that should be lost. To these men the verdict of history is owing, as to the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1861 to 1865. As saviors of the country they are worthy of all honor, for there was no way left to save the country but by the shedding of their blood. Everything had been done that could be done short of that to avert the dreadful calamity; but all had failed. The chasm had been opened, and the best of the land leaped into it to save the fate of the nation. The young and the strong both offered their lives to save their country, and numbers left fortune, family, friends, and all they held dear, to go forth on the battle-field. They gave up all when their country needed their services, and the nation was saved. The preacher then repeated the dying expressions of many of those who fell, but these, he added, were not all, for officer and soldier alike were the saviors of the Republic. The price paid for our nationality was the rich gold of human life. "All that a man hath he will give for his life;" but these gave up even that for their country. What is now to be done for them? The care for the soldier's widow and orphans, and share with them from the abundance saved by the blood of the country's saviors. This was the threefold cord which bound the citizen to the soldier. The flowers are planted to show that the living have not forgotten the dead. There were other heroes, the peaceful citizens and other saviors; and among them were the noble women who on the battle-field, in the hospital, and at their homes showed their devotion to their country. It required heroic courage and patriotism for the wife to give up her husband, and the mother to part with her son, and both them so forth in battle. Then, when the struggle was over, they bore and had time to the work of the hospital, so that one might help the soldier in the field. Many of these noble women lie, too, in their graves to-day, broken down with their noble duty; they died for their country and their motherland. Then, again, there was the "noble army of martyrs," men and women, who could go to help the right, but who would not support the wrong, and who perished in their despoiled homes under the Southern sun. These martyrs died rather than stand arrayed against their country, when they might have easily joined the ranks of those who held the sword of the traitor. The American can now afford to cast the mantle of forgiveness over the graves of those who fell fighting for the wrong, while they decorate the graves of those who died for the right. The preacher then appealed to those present to furnish flowers to the Committee of Arrangements, and, while do and so, to subscribe some money to assist in the soldier's widow and orphan.

Eclipses of the Sun on Monday.

From the Boston Traveller, May 20.

Early on Monday next, May 26, there will be a partial eclipse of the sun in the north-eastern part of America and in the north of Europe. At Boston the eclipse will be invisible, as it will end at 4h. 3m. A. M., or exactly as the northern edge of the sun rises; but should the sky under the horizon be very clear at sunrise the end of the eclipse may be seen, on hills or high lands in New-Hampshire, Maine, and Canada East. In the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New-Brunswick the end will not take place until half an hour after sunrise, and therefore it may be seen if the sky is clear, without any difficulty. At Halifax the end will be at 5h. 0m. 3s., 47 minutes after sunrise,) and at St. John's, Newfoundland, at 5h. 58m. 0s., an hour and a half after at 4h. 33m. Three-quarters of the sun will be eclipsed there, or more than at any other city in America or Europe. An eclipse of the sun under the most favorable circumstances is of slight interest and in our day, this eclipse will at two or three of its returns in the twentieth century, be very large in New-England, and at its seventh return, in the last year of that century, or on Aug. 11, 1999, to total, about two minutes, at Plymouth and Torquay, and will be the last of the next total eclipse of the sun (we believe) in the south part of England. The magnificent total eclipse of the sun for five minutes at Boston, near noon of June 16, 1806, will return for the central line on July 29, 1878; large at Boston but total in part of British Columbia, and Montana, in the City of Denver, Colorado, in the eastern part of Texas, and in the northern part of Cuba, the City of Havana, &c. The eclipse of Sept. 27, 1876, will be annular in Boston, but when another total eclipse will occur here has not yet been ascertained, but certainly not before 1901.

Good Fortune of Minnesota Stock-Growers.

From the St. Paul (Minn.) Press, May 20.

The stock-growers of Minnesota are reaping a harvest this Spring, and the fact may be considered exceedingly fortunate in that farmers generally have been rather gloomy over the unprofitable rates which have prevailed in the wheat quotations. Even in this there has been a most satisfactory improvement within a few days, while the demand for beef cattle has been unprecedented. The military posts on the frontier have aided the large stock-raisers and dealers in the States adjoining in creating an active demand for every horned animal ready for the block or the pasture. To show the extent of the operations in live stock a few facts may be related. On Sunday morning Mr. F. D. Arthur, of Webster City, Iowa, left St. Peter with a drove of 537 head of cattle. These are to be driven to Iowa, fattened, and then shipped to the Chicago market. Large herds are also being purchased throughout the country within a radius of fifty miles of St. Peter, which are destined for the Western posts, and buyers are riding in all directions through the adjacent settlements, entering the historical city of "beef! beef!" with more than historical persistence. Careful estimates place the amount to be paid in this particular locality for beef cattle alone, at $60,000—a nice plum for a start among the farmers. This estimate is based on the probability that the stock-purchasing season, commencing May 1, will continue until the middle of June.

SUNDAY'S NEWS.

The following is a brief summary of the news which appeared in yesterday's Times:

FOREIGN.

The Council of Spanish Ministers has indefinitely postponed the election of Deputies to the Constituent Cortes.

The Carlists deny the report that they had cruelly butchered some of their prisoners.

Saturday was generally observed throughout England, being the birth-day of the Queen.

The Prince of Wales is on a visit to his sister, Prince Alice, at Darmstadt.

The new Legislature of Brazil promises to make many reforms.

A dispatch from Rome says the Pope is disposed to amalgamate the Italian Cabinet, and in fact, all parties engaged in the secularization of the monasteries.

Peace has at last been proclaimed in Panama, and quiet remains throughout Central America.

HOME.

A dispatch from Virginia City, Nevada, says a rising among the Indian tribes of that State is apprehended, as their demonstrations are threatening.

John T. Hayman, a Philadelphia bankrupt and forger, had been arrested in St. Louis.

The Brownsville (Texas) *Sentinel* says Mexican robbers have stolen upward of 1,000 head of cattle in the vicinity of that city alone.

The Congressional excursion party visited New-Orleans Saturday, and left in the evening on their way to Texas. The visit to New-Orleans was shortened on account of the cool reception extended the party by the Southern chivalry.

A serious conflagration recently occurred in Callao, South America, and destroyed property valued at $800,000.

The Louisiana courts have again recognized the validity of the Kellogg Government.

The report that Treasurer Richardson had ordered the transfer of $2,000,000 in gold from San Francisco to Washington is untrue.

The balances in the Treasury of the United States at the close of business Saturday were: Currency, $1,374,509; special deposits of legal tenders, $28,960,000; coin, $75,103,277. Outstanding legal tenders, $356,665,098.

A number of members of the Massachusetts Medical Society have been expelled for practicing homeopathy.

The net profits at a fair held in Music Hall, Boston, in aid of the building fund of the Y. M. C. A., amounted to $45,000.

Several shad have recently been caught in Lake Ontario, at the mouth of the Genesee River.

James William Wallack, the well-known actor, died on Saturday.

The Southern Presbyterian Synod in session at Little Rock, Ark., adjourned on Saturday.

James W. Eldridge, of North Harwick, Mass., has been arrested for an assault, which resulted in the death of his father.

The graves of the Confederate dead in Grove Hill Cemetery, Louisville, were decorated on Saturday.

A heavy gale swept through the City of Memphis, Tenn., Saturday evening, occasioning considerable damage.

LOCAL.

George W. Matsell, now Superintendent of Police, assumed regular charge of his office on Saturday.

A Williamsburg gambling-house was raided by the police on Saturday night.

Count Leszynski, a Russian nobleman, was unceremoniously robbed on Fifth-avenue, Saturday night, of $870 in money and some private papers of value.

In a game of base-ball, Saturday, on the Union Grounds, Williamsburg, the Mutuals were defeated by the Athletics, of Philadelphia.

The various committees of the Grand Army of the Republic completed arrangements on Saturday evening for the decoration of graves on the 30th inst.

Oliver Charlick has sued the *Evening Post* for libel, laying damages at $10,000.

George Francis Train, through his counsel, has petitioned the Supreme Court for a final discharge from custody.

The steam-ships Parthia, from Liverpool May 13; Henry Chauncey, from Aspinwall May 16; George Washington, from New-Orleans May 11, and General Meade, from same port May 17, arrived at this port on Saturday.

A dispatch from Troy, N. Y., on Saturday announced the failure of a combination which had been organized some months ago for the evident purpose of controlling the Western lumber trade, with liabilities amounting to 20,000,000. A Times reporter called upon Mr. Russell W. Adams, of the firm of Adams & Co., a member of the combination, who informed him that the firms belonging to the coalition consisted of White & Co., Albany; S. W. Barnard & Co., New-York; S. W. Adams & Co., New-York; P. P. Dodge & Co., New-York; Dan. Richards & Sons, Sandy Hill; N. Y. Partridge & Co., Owego; C. B. Nichols & Co., of Albany; the Williamsburg Mill and Lumber Company, of Williamsburg; Chambers & Co., Cleveland; Watson & Twichell, Chicago; Burton & Spencer, of Elizabeth, and R. A. Loveland, of Chicago. Mr. Adams said it was true they had failed, but their liabilities were less than reported. He was certain, however, that all the firms represented in the combination were solvent and would meet their obligations if time were allowed them. The disastrous fires in Chicago and Boston, the tightness of the money market, high freights, and other causes had operated to produce the suspension.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Held by Blatchford, J.—In Admiralty.—72. Lamb vs. Brig Sarah Hill, 90. Same vs. Murray vs. Trowbridge; 75, Nickerson vs. Steam-tug Echo; 129, Reed vs. Steamer Electra; 162, Providence and New-York Steam-boat Company vs. Steam-tug Niagara; 131, Delaware and Hudson Canal Company vs. Steamer C. H. Booth; 138, Brenan et al. vs. Steam-tug J. Cooker; 141, Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company vs. Steam-boat Pleasant Valley; 27, Heroy et al vs. Ship Montezagle; 117, Debaun et al. vs. Steam-boat Arizona; 128, Pierser vs. Steam-boat J. Farnon.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—Part II.—Held by Barrett, J.—Court opens at 10:30.—Case on—Hewitt vs. The Mayor, &c.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Adjourned until Monday, June 2.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Held by Van Brunt, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Case on—Douglass vs. Douglass.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Held by Fancher, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.—Calendar called at 12 M.—Speir et al. vs. Bexter vs. ——; 32, The United States vs. Fox et al.; 35, Smith vs. Quinland; 36, Same vs. Same; 49, Hem vs. Fleischman; 66, The People, &c., Young vs. Fleischman; 67, The People, &c., Dowdell vs. Fleischman; 68, The People, &c., Murphy vs. Fleischman; 80, The People, &c., vs. Cady; 81, The People, &c., Hahnemann vs. Green; 86, Baldwin vs. Limonet; 89, The People, &c., Young vs. Green, &c.; 93, Jones et al. vs. Butler et al.; 96, Hamilton vs. Central America Trust Company; 107, Sprague et al. vs. Ingrave; 127, Williams vs. Kansas Pacific Railroad Company; 129, In re testimony of Koechling; 131, Same vs. Same; 134, Norfolk and New-York Transportation Company; 134, McMullen, &c., vs. Bates; 135, Paterson vs. McCunn; 137, Hamilton vs. Central American Transportation Company; 138, Same vs. Same; 151, Dimock vs. Gibbs; 152, Gardiner vs. Hunter; 158, In the matter, &c., of G. L. Herrick; 176, Brewster vs. Wilkie; 177, Tobias vs. Manley; 178, Appleton vs. Bowles et al.; 182, Weed vs. Bank et al.; 183, Same et al. vs. Lawrence et al.; 186, Same vs. Same; 188, Ellis vs. Delany; 201, Jones vs. Manger. Call 205, Lobay, Executor, vs. Peiner.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part I.—Held by Van Vorst, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—Call 543, Phillips et al. vs. Barnes et al.; 2135, Fernandez vs. Great Western Insurance Company; 869, Smith vs. Frost; 1231, Travers vs. O'Brien, Sheriff; 2155, Garbrecht vs. Lodi, President, &c.; 1393, Amory vs. Amory; 1894, Same vs. Same; 1917, Spangenmacher vs. Bernet; 1921, Gunlon vs. Fergusson, &c.; 2348, The Congregation, &c., of Shaar Hashmoin vs. Halladay; 2541, Guidet vs. Mayor, &c., City of New-York; 2542, Same vs. Same; 1075, Brodie vs. O'Brien, Sheriff; 2128, Biggs vs. McCool; 2159, Crowther vs. Ferguson; 479, Baum vs. The St. Nicholas Insurance Co.; 2206, Falk et al. vs. Anderson; 2208, Prouty vs. Payne; 2209, Goelet et al. vs. Spofford et al.; 1275, Schuz vs. The Rutgers Fire Insurance Company.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part II.—Held by Monell, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—1415, Oakley vs. The Mayor, &c., of New-York; 179, Schuyler vs. Lomas; 1745, Sampson vs. Beekman, Jr.; 549, Sayr vs. O'Brien, Sheriff; 1962, Dillert vs. The Phœnix Fire Insurance Company; 1736, Hudson vs. Smith et al.; 1654, Gilbert vs. New-York and Charleston Steamship Company; 314, Van Nostrand vs. New-York Guarantee and Indemnity Company; 1080, Schneider vs. Kloe; 818, Zeisler vs. Clinton St. 734, Lowenberg vs. Phœnix; 2500, Parker et al. vs. Smith; 2540, Harris vs. Miner; 1464, Baker et al. vs. Burgess; 1660, Hilscheock et al. vs. Gosser; 1988, Bertels vs. Pustkuchen; 42, Fowler et al. vs. Kelly, Sheriff, &c., et al.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—PART I.—Held by Loew, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—427, Gibbs vs. Clarke; 1101, Goodman, Administrator, vs. The Dry Dock, East Broadway and Battery Railroad Company; 1874, Kershaw vs. Morse; 86, McCauley, Administratrix, vs. Gaus et al.; 912, Leetch vs. Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company; 818, Same vs. Same; 1077, Cayius vs. Beebe; 1749, Andenried, ex-el. vs. Nelson et al.; 1826, Bauer et al. vs. Fryi et al.; 1949, Shufeldt vs. Crary; 1258, Rose vs. Cockerill; 1300, Rose vs. Cockerill; 1640, Salen vs. Seggerman; 1612, The Washington Ice Company vs. Silver; 867, Pollock vs. Ullenthal.

MARINE COURT—GENERAL TERM—Held by Shea, C. J.; Joachimsen and Spaulding, JJ.—1, Dobler vs. Lichi; 2, Satterthwaite vs. Emmet, Jr.; 3, Butler vs. Heffernan; 4, Solomon vs. Williamsburgh City Fire Insurance Company; 5, Holloway vs. Devlin; 6, Washburn and M. Manufacturing Company vs. Silber; 7, Van Ingen et al. vs. Lock; 8, May et al. vs. Hess et al.; 9, Murphy vs. Lepoint; 10, Hart vs. Conner; 11, Farrell vs. King; 12, Fogg vs. Watson; 13, Nordlinger vs. Mitchell; 14, Arkell et al. vs. Nelson, Jr.; 15, Delamater vs. Sulzbacher et al.; 16, Kinzle vs. Bromham; 17, Schaefer vs. Williamsburgh City Fire Insurance Company.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—Parts I., II., and III.—Adjourned for the Term.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER—Held by Davis, J.—Thomas sprouls, robbery; William Nichterich, John H. Worthington, Charles Williams, felonious assault and battery; Peter Fry, John McGowan, William Watson, burglary; Gerson Marx, John Hogan, Ellen Ellsworth, grand larceny.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.—Held by Sutherland, J.—William Brady, Cornelius Mahony, John W. Hutchinson, John Johnson, James Haley, Edward Dempsey, Joseph Scullen, burglary; Mary C. Maloy, John Mahony, Rooney Cook, Thomas Connolly, felonious assault and battery; William Hanley, Michael Hennessey, Mary Connors, Bridget Fitzgerald, Thomas Fitzgerald, grand larceny; Theodore Johnson, Samuel Jacobi, David Bellamy, larceny and receiving stolen goods; Henry P. Nieuhr, William P. Niebuhr, Samuel P. Warner, William Travis, Patrick Hardy, cruelty to animals; John Monaghan, misdemeanor.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Friday, May 23—6 P. M.—Saturday, May 24.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—12:15 P. M.

$6,000 U. S. 6s R., '84, b. c. 119
40,000 U. S. 5s C., '65, R., b. c. 118
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '62, called bonds...118¾

$500 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, b. c. ...118¾
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67, b. c. ...121¾

SALES FROM 2 TO 3 P. M.

$2,000 U.S. 5-20C., '65, N.....119¼
65,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67.....121¾
200 Western Union.....103¾
200 do.....83¾
100 do.....83⅝
500 Pacific Mail.....49¾
300 do.....45⅝
400 do.....45⅝
1700 do.....45⅝
200 do.....45⅝
300 do.....45⅝

200 N. Y. C. & Hud.....100⅝
300 Erie Railway.....43⅞
100 do.....43¾
50 Lake Shore.....103½
100 St. Paul.....54⅞
100 do.....54¾
100 L. & W.....b3.103½
300 do.....103¾
98
100 Ohio & Miss.....c. 41¾
200 C., C. & I. C.....30⅝

MONDAY, May 26—P. M.

The weekly averages of the Associated Banks, Local and National, reporting through the Clearing-house for the week ending Saturday last, May 24, compare as follows with the previous week, and also with the corresponding week last year. To which we add the Gold and Currency balance in the New-York Office of the United States Treasury at these dates respectively:

Increase in Loans			$1,791,900
Decrease in Specie			c6,300
Decrease in other Legal Tenders			249,300
Increase in Deposits			1,929,200
Increase in Circulation			4,600
	May 24, '72.	May 17, '73.	May 24, '73.
National Capital	$71,783,500	$70,988,000	$70,365,000
Local Capital	18,270,500	17,167,500	17,167,500
Total	$87,154,000	$88,142,500	$88,143,550
Loans	$83,601,200	278,074,400	279,866,300
Gold and Gold Notes	20,705,600	20,695,900	20,682,600
Other Legal Tenders	51,607,100	43,102,200	42,752,900
Deposits	222,454,800	207,834,100	208,763,300
Circulation	27,545,300	27,493,200	27,493,800
In Sub-Treasury	60,362,300	83,155,117	83,998,700

We subjoin the relative strength of the Bank statement in respect to Lawful Money to Deposits and Circulation:

	May 17, '73.	May 24, '73.	May 25, '72.
Deposits	$207,834,100	$209,762,300	$222,454,800
Circulation	27,489,200	27,493,800	27,545,300
Total	$235,323,300	$237,256,100	$250,000,100
Required 25 ₱ ct.	58,830,825	59,314,025	62,500,025
Actual basis	63,801,100	63,388,300	72,375,700
Excess	$4,970,275	$4,046,475	$9,875,675
Rate of Money	6@7 ₱ ct.	6@7 ₱ ct.	6@7 ₱ ct.

The Bank return is not so favorable as the present weekly averages. Less Currency came in from the South and West, and there was a partial transfer of Greenbacks to the Treasury to pay for Gold. The Banks continued a moderate increase in Loans, which in turn brought up the Deposit line nearly two millions. In respect to the average of Gold Notes it may be remarked that while the Treasury sold $1,500,000, and paid out $963,000 for Interest, the Customs paid in amounted to $2,800,000. The export of Gold Coin was only $100,000 out of $659,000 Gold and Silver of all descriptions. In the corresponding May last year, New-York shipped $3,784,410 American Gold Coin, and $694,269 Silver, &c., making $4,378,679. The difference in the Spring movement is felt on the London market, while, by the eccentricities and combinations of the Gold speculation at home, the price of Gold is made nearly five ₱ cent. higher than last May, on lower Exchange and the non-shipment of Gold Coin! It is true that last Spring the Treasury was redeeming 5-20s in excess of the sales abroad of the New Loan, but independent of this and on trade account the export demand for Gold was large. There should perhaps be a considerable trade and banking demand in the usual or regular course of business this season, and indeed it was looked for as not undesirable, but all such calculations have been upset in the Gold Room, outside of which there is little confidence felt in the advance in Gold, although some fears are indulged as to the possible effects upon other interests of the *corner* now being worked up by Jay Gould and his following. The movement, while *Bullish* on Gold, is designed as *Bearish* on the Stock market, and intended, perhaps, to make Money close. The last is not so easily accomplished in May or June as it might be in September or October. The rates for Money are 6@7 ₱ cent. on the Stock Exchange, and 7 to 9 ₱ cent. on good paper, which ought to be satisfactory, if not so cheap as in former seasons when the Currency was less absorbed among the people in the South and West, and larger balances than at present tended to New-York.

During the week confidence in mercantile and other credits was disturbed, first by the protest of the paper (subsequently arranged) of one of the new Railroads, and subsequently by an explosion in the Lumber trade, to avert which, on the first intimation of the trouble, efforts were made by the American Exchange, Metropolitan, Importers' and Broadway Banks, co-operating with Mr. William E. Dodge, Sr., and one of the Banks in Philadelphia, to extend the maturing paper. These parties, and the British North America and Bank of Montreal, probably represent the bulk of the obligations of Dodge & Co. and Barnard & Co., of New-York, and White & Co., of Albany, but the other involvements were too much scattered to make a successful negotiation for relief practicable, before fresh protests occurred at the close of the week and the whole affair became public. The head of the house of Messrs. Dodge & Co., is Mr. Anson Phelps Dodge, son of Mr. William E. Dodge, but now a citizen of Canada, and a member of the Dominion Parliament. It is understood that the operations in Lumber from Canada through the Oswego, Albany, and New-York markets were directed by him. His father, who is very wealthy, is a heavy creditor through indorsements or cash advances.

The general trade of the week was dull or unsatisfactory in most lines of Dry Goods and General Merchandise. The holders of Sugars, Coffees, &c., after experiencing a partial improvement in demand early in the month, again complain of a hesitating trade and low prices. The exporting and shipping interests, on the other hand, are well employed, and the Canals and Railroads are all alive with business from the Great West. The Export clearances of the week, it will be noticed, are but five and a half million in value from this port. The South sent 31,000 bales of Cotton direct to foreign markets, the Exchange against which passes through New-York. Bills on London fell to 108½ ₱ cent. at the close of the week.

The Import Entries in New-York, embracing Foreign Dry Goods and General Merchandise, for the past week were $5,585,218, against $9,859,023 for the corresponding week last year. The exports of Domestic Produce, other than Gold and Silver, were $5,489,804, against $3,936,595 same time in 1872. The export of Gold and Silver, $659,018 against $4,378,679 same week in 1872. The Customs, in Gold, paid into the New-York Office of the United States Treasury for the week were $2,800,212.

The Gold values of the Import Entries of Foreign Merchandise at New-York, exclusive of Foreign Specie, since July 1, 1872, are as follows, the figures being official to May 1, and since semi-official from the Custom-house:

July	$32,024,321	February	$36,726,564
August	42,982,159	March	49,626,522
September	34,280,320	April	36,597,178
October	20,652,722	May 2	5,970,380
November	22,886,040	May 10	4,384,443
December	28,925,926	May 17	7,479,263
January	27,689,723	May 24	5,585,218
Total since July 1, 1872			$279,907,145
Same time previous year			276,801,583
Increase since July 1			$1,305,462

The Currency value of exports of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods, including Foreign Goods re-exported from New-York since July, is as follows:

July	$20,648,268	February	$21,180,479
August	19,961,748	March	21,662,280
September	19,664,798	April	26,616,719
October	22,124,242	May 1	7,516,679
November	23,818,316	May 10	5,266,713
December	21,411,320	May 21	5,482,894
January	20,060,550		
Total since July 1			$236,197,822
Same time previous year			202,091,421
Increase since July 1			$34,106,401
Gold, May 24, 1872			113¾ ₱ cent.
Gold, May 23, 1873			113¾ ₱ cent.

The exports from New-York of Gold and Silver Coin and Bullion since July 1, are as follows:

July	$12,248,688	February	$3,876,494
August	3,586,143	March	3,570,433
September	1,282,685	April	3,380,540
October	4,726,163	May 3	491,216
November	4,363,975	May 10	551,566
December	3,963,576	May 17	887,070
January	5,137,866	May 24	659,018
Total since July 1, 1872			$48,556,450
Same time last year			45,482,782
Increase since July 1			10,073,668

The following are the Customs receipts in Gold, and the interest payments in Gold, at the New-York office of the United States Treasury, from July 1, 1873:

	Customs.		Gold Interest.
July	$7,683,318	July	$10,91,436
August	10,960,758	August	8,078,096
September	13,804,616	September	1,723,726
October	11,314,168	October	5,518,389
November	7,747,601	November	6,907,456
December	6,974,178	December	2,430,315
January	11,037,400	January	16,019,071
February	13,112,130	February	4,760,206
March	12,227,363	March	1,918,101
April	10,063,200	April	4,272,796
May 2	1,995,976	May 3	1,773,076
May 10	2,113,0.0	May 10	2,126,009
May 17	2,333,299	May 17	1,228,004
May 24	2,800,212	May 24	983,022
Total, 1872-3	$122,015,975	Total, 1872-3	$70,591,216
Total, 1871-2	144,670,479	Total, 1871-2	74,088,943

The Customs deposited at New-York show a falling off since July 1 (the beginning of the Fiscal Year) of $22,654,504. On the Customs collected through the New-York Custom-house on Foreign Goods marketed at this port, the falling off is about $2,000,000 less than this sum, corresponding with the difference between the deposits made at New-York for the outports, last year and this—in 1871-72 to May 1, $4,584,000; in 1872-73 to May 1, $4,206,000. The publication from the Treasury a few days ago of the Revenues of the Third Quarter of the Fiscal Year to March 31, enables us to present the following comparative effect of the reduced Tariff at New-York and at the outports, and the general result to the Treasury:

CUSTOMS REVENUES 1871-72 AND 1872-73.

Quarter.	Fiscal Year 1872. At N. York Total.		Fiscal Year 1873. At N. York Total.	
First	$44,603,688	$52,289,239	$39,800,343	$37,729,540
Second	35,076,492	45,872,512	24,532,647	30,501,515
Third	45,124,009	53,813,028	42,124,369	49,345,018
Fourth		46,222,863		*45,000,000
Total year	$124,804,189	$198,197,642	$106,457,359	$162,576,073
Increase	$216,370,289		$198,223,077	

* Estimated.

The Treasury estimates for the present year were on a falling off of about $24,000,000, or from $18,000,000 average per month to $16,000,000 per month. This calculation will require nearly $45,000,000 at all the ports, to make up $192,000,000 for the year. The decrease for the first three quarters was $16,000,000 at New-York and $8,500,000 at the outports. The decrease at New-York in April was $4,100,000; but the comparison in May and June will be much less unfavorable, and the chances are that the whole year at all the ports will come within $1,000,000 or $2,000,000 of the estimates, while the Internal Revenues promise to exceed the estimates from $8,000,000 to $5,000,000. They are now $108,500,000 or $110,000,000 estimated for the year, with five weeks' receipts to come in.

The reasons for the relative larger falling off in Customs at New-York to the small difference at the outports, is the free duties, since last July, on Tea and Coffee, the importation of both articles being mostly done through New-York. The duties before the revision of the Tariff were nearly $20,000,000 a year.

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE—THE WEEK.

	May 23, '72.
American Gold	113@113¾
U. S. 6-20s, '65, May and Nov	117¾@118¼
U. S. 5-20s, '67, January and July	120¼@121¾
U. S. New 5 ₱ cents	115@115¾
Central Pacific 6 ₱ cents	103@103
Union Pacific 6 ₱ cents	86¼@87
New-York Central	92¾@103¾
Rock Island	107¾@107¾
Ohio and Mississippi	41¾@41¾
St. Paul Common	53¼@54¼
St. Paul Preferred	72@73
Toledo and Wabash	68¼@69¾
Union Pacific	79¼@80¾
Erie	61¾@64¼@63¾
Western Telegraph	85¾@84¾
Pacific Mail	47¾@44¾@45¾
Lake Shore	90¾@90¾
Harlem	129@131@130

With the exception of the Public Funds of the United States, which more than kept pace with the advance in Gold, the changes in the Stock market for the week are comparatively unimportant. The Share speculation was generally unsatisfactory and dull at the close. The *Bull* account is apparently without leaders, while the *short* interest is headed by one or two strong men, besides having a pretty numerous following among the smaller operators.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

HOUSE OF FISK & HATCH, 5 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK, MAY 26, 1873.

☞ We recommend to our friends and customers for investment of surplus Capital, or in exchange for Government Bonds, which can now be sold at unusually high prices, the following Securities of well-known character and established reputation, viz.:

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO SIX PER CENT. BONDS—Principal and Interest payable in Gold Coin in New-York City; Interest payable May 1 and Nov. 1; issued in denominations of $100, $500 and $1,000, either Coupon or Registered. Price 88 1-2 and accrued interest. Secured by a First Mortgage on the main line of this great East and West Trunk Road, from Richmond to the Ohio River, 430 miles in length, now completed and doing a large and rapidly-increasing business.

Also, THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS—Principal and Interest payable in Gold Coin in New-York City; Interest payable January 1 and July 1. Bonds of $1,000 each, Coupon or Registered—price 90 and accrued interest—secured by a First Mortgage on the Peninsula Division, from the Richmond Depot to the James River Docks and to Deep Water on the Chesapeake Bay, now in progress; the proposed Kanawha River Branch, and the Bridge to be built across the Ohio River at Huntington; in addition to which they are a lien upon the entire Road and equipment already completed at a cost of over $35,000,000, with a First Mortgage Debt of only $15,000,000. The rapid development of the business of the Road indicates that the earnings for the ensuing twelve months will not be less than $8,000,000, and for the succeeding year not less than $5,000,000.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Securities should, and must in time, take rank in the markets of the world with those of the Central Pacific.

We also buy and sell, at current market prices:

The WESTERN PACIFIC SIX PER CENT. BONDS—Principal and Interest payable in Gold in New-York City; Interest payable January 1 and July 1; Coupon Bonds of $1,000 each; assumed by the Central Pacific Railroad Company by consolidation.

Also, the CENTRAL PACIFIC GOLD DONDS, as well known in all the principal money markets of the world as the Bonds of the United States Government.

We also deal in Government Bonds and other first-class Securities; receive deposits, on which we allow four per cent. interest; make collections, and do a general Banking business.

FISK & HATCH.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

BANKING HOUSE OF HENRY CLEWS & CO., NO. 32 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.

Deposit accounts of mercantile firms and individuals received; full facilities and accommodations granted usual with City banks; in addition thereto four per cent. interest allowed on all daily balances.

Bills of exchange drawn on England, Ireland, Scotland, and the Continent. Travelers' and mercantile credits issued available throughout the world.

☞ TEN PER CENT. INVESTMENT.

At present rate of gold, an investment of $10,000 in the FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND GOLD BONDS OF THE VERMONT DIVISION OF THE PORTLAND & OGDENSBURG R.R. TRUNK LINE

Yields an annual interest of $666, and held to maturity an annual rate of 10 PER CENT.

Issued in denominations of $1,000, $500, and $100, and limited to $20,000 per mile.

No security is greater than these FIRST-CLASS RAILROAD BONDS, based on a large property, as well as on a large and constantly increasing income.

The building and management of the Road is conducted with such economy and integrity as to make the investments VERY PROFITABLE AND PERFECTLY SAFE.

E. & T. FAIRBANKS & CO., St. Johnsbury, Vt.
FAIRBANKS & CO., No. 311 Broadway, New-York.
FAIRBANKS, BROWN & CO., No. 2 Milk-st., Boston.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, May 24, 1873.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkls	27	Tar, bbls	359
Cotton, bales	1,830	Leather, sides	8,850
Dried Fruits, pkls	107	Oil-cake, pkls	490
Eggs, bbls	2,284	Beef, pkls	98
Flour, bbls	6,304	Pork, pkls	143
Meal, bbls	50	Cut-meats, pkls	487
Meal, bags	513	Lard, tcs	819
Wheat, bushels	67,820	Butter, pkls	3 648
Corn, bushels	55,960	Cheese, pkls	8,175
Oats, bushels	36,067	Tallow, pkls	1,672
Barley, bushels	500	Stearine, pkls	115
Hemp, bales	43	Rice, pkls	21
Tobacco, bales	23	Tobacco, hhds	342
Beans, bbls	88

DRY GOODS.

RECEPTION DAY.

INDIA SHAWLS.

Our INDIA SHAWL RECEPTION takes place on MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, May 26, 27, and 28, when we will THROW OPEN to our patrons and the public the HANDSOMEST FURNISHED, the MOST ARTISTIC, and BEST APPOINTED INDIA SHAWL ROOM IN THE WORLD.

Our stock having been purchased on the MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS by our own experienced buyer, DIRECT FROM EAST INDIA MERCHANTS trading in CACHMERE and UMRITZER, we will exhibit, without exception, the most ELEGANT ASSORTMENT of GENUINE INDIA SHAWLS ever seen in this country.

The assortment contains many RARE NOVELTIES in PATTERNS and DESIGNS, and a number of ORIENTAL GEMS that, for SINGULAR BEAUTY, have never before been secured by any house in the United States.

LORD & TAYLOR,

BROADWAY AND TWENTIETH-ST.

1873. SUMMER NOVELTIES! 1873.

EGYPTIAN, ROMAN, AND VENETIAN DESIGNS IN

OXIDIZED BUTTONS, BUCKLES, CLASPS, &c.
CLUNY, YAK, ANTIQUE, AND LLAMA LACES.
CAPES, SACQUES, SCARFS, VAILS, HAMBURG BANDS, TRIMMINGS, SKIRTINGS, &c.
PASSEMENTERIES, BELTS, SATCHELS, &c.

UNSURPASSED IN VARIETY AND STYLE.

MILLER & GRANT, 879 Broadway.

STRAW GOODS.

ROUND HATS, BONNETS, FLORIDA AND PALMETTO HATS, $1, $1 25, $1 88, $1 50 up.

For Sabbath-School Anniversaries.

INFANTS', CHILDREN'S, MISSES', BOYS', AND YOUTHS' STRAW HATS. LATEST STYLES CHEAP.
HAIR AND NEAPOLITAN HATS, 75c., 85c., 95c., up.
ALSO, 5,000 CASES OF VARIOUS BRAIDS AND SHAPES FROM 25c. to $3 each.
OUR TRIMMED HATS WILL REPAY CAREFUL INSPECTION.

READY TO-DAY.

AT THE GREAT EAST SIDE ESTABLISHMENT,

EDWARD RIDLEY & SON,

Nos. 309, 311, and 311 1-2 Grand-st., and Nos. 62, 64, 66, 68, and 70 Allen-st., Fifth Block East from the Bowery, New-York.

At E. Ridley & Son,

GRAND-ST., NEW-YORK,

PARASOLS,

Full line of Changeables, in Blues and Plums.
Silk Sun Umbrellas, Club Handles and Chatelaines, $1 65 each.
Extra large and lined from $2 to $4 50 each.
All Silk, for children, 50c.
Pink and Blue, with Ruffles, 65c., 75c., 85c., and $1.

FANS.

Another purchase of over twenty Thousand Fans.
Linen at 5c., 8c., 10c., 12c., and 15c. Silk at 20c., 25c., 35c., 39c., 45c., up.

RIBBONS AND FRENCH FLOWERS.

GROSS-GRAINS at 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c., 31c., and 38c., all silk.
One thousand pieces of 6-inch and 7-inch Sash Ribbons, all silk, at 50c. 65c., 75c., and 85c. per yard.

EDW. RIDLEY & SON,

Nos. 309, 311, 311½ Grand-st., Nos. 62, 64, 66, 68, and 70 Allen-st., fifth block east from the Bowery.

At E. Ridley & Son,

GRAND EAST-SIDE ESTABLISHMENT.
Real Laces, Dress Trimmings, Needle Works, Linen Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Under-garments.
Special offerings of silk Neck Ties and Scarfs.
5,000 pairs Whalebone Corsets at 55c., 75c., 85c., and $1 per pair.
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KID GLOVES,

AT THE GREAT EAST-SIDE ESTABLISHMENT.

Spring Colors. New Lot at 45c. per pair. Slightly imperfect. 150 dozens Two-Buttons at 75c. pair. Worth double. CLEARING.
Two Buttons at 75c. and $1 pair.
Drabs, Slates and Browns.
New Assortments of Edward Glove at $1 25 pair.
BEST GLOVE IN AMERICA AT THE PRICE.

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REAL LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.

Owing to the near approach of the time for ladies to leave the City,
We will offer some
EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS,
Closing several lots of
Black Thread, Guipure, Yak,
Ecru, and White Cluny,
Real Point, Point Applique,
Valenciennes, Real and French,
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All at less than cost to import.
Llama Lace Shawls and Sacques from auction.
Capes, Fichus, Vails, Parasol Covers,
Barbes, Coiffures, &c.
Real Lace Collars, Sets, Handkerchiefs.
10,000 yards Hamburg Edgings and Insertions.
Passementeries, Fringes, and Ornaments.
BENNETT WILLIAMS, No. 773 Broadway.

HOUSE-FURNISHING DRY GOODS,

Bedding, Feather Beds, Window-shades, Hollands, Oil-cloths, &c., &c., 4, 5, and 6 quarter white, red, check, and fancy Mattings, from 18c. to 35c. per yd.
Store-shades made to order.
Reliable goods and moderate prices.
H. P. WILLIAMS & CO.,
No. 250 Canal-st, one door from Elm-st.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL PARK, NORTH AND EAST RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, 107TH-AV., 3D AND 34TH STS.
NEW-YORK, May 17, 1873.

THE INTEREST COUPONS, DUE JUNE 1 OF THE CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE BONDS Of the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company, will be paid at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, corner of Exchange-place and William-st, New-York City.
L. T. GRIFFITHS, Treasurer.

OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RAILWAY COMPANY,
OFFICE, NO. 261 BROADWAY.
NEW-YORK, May 14, 1873.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL INTEREST DUE June 1, 1873, on the Preferred Stock of the Ohio and Mississippi Railway Company, will be paid on and after June 2, at the office of the Company, No. 261 Broadway, (New-York. The transfer-books of the preferred stock will be closed on May 21, at 2 o'clock P. M. and reopen June 4, at 10 o'clock A. M.
By order of Executive and Finance Committee.
W. M. WALTON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MILWAUKEE AND NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, MILWAUKEE, May 15, 1873.

THE COUPONS ON THE FIRST MORTgage Eight per Cent. Bonds of this Company, due 1st June, will be paid on and after that date at the Merchants' Exchange National Bank, New-York.
WM. TAINTOR, Secretary.

DRY GOODS.

AT KINZEY'S.

$30,000 worth of Ribbons.
Plain Gros Grain Sash, Bonnet and Trimming Ribbons at 50c. on the dollar.
Watered Ribbons, 6c., 8c., 10c., 12½c., up.
All silk Gros Grain, 10c., 12½c., 13c., up.
All silk Cord Edges, 4c., 6c., 8c., 10c., up.
Plaid Sash Ribbons, 25c., 39c., 46c., up.
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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Chicago and Northern Pacific Air Line Railway Company, a corporation duly organized under, and in pursuance of, the laws of the State of Wisconsin, will be held at the office of said company, No. 21 West Milwaukee-street, Janesville, Wisconsin, on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1873, at 12 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration and perfecting the consolidation of the rights, powers, franchises, and property of said Railway Company with the rights, powers, franchises, and property of the Chicago and Northern Pacific Air Line Railway Company, a corporation duly organized under, and in pursuance of, the laws of the State of Illinois, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may lawfully come before such meeting.
By order of the Board of Directors.
GEO. E. WHITE, President.
H. A. WARREN, Secretary.
Dated April 3, A. D. 1873.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, No. 71 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, May 14, 1873.

AN ELECTION FOR MANAGERS of this company, held at the office on Tuesday, 13th inst., the following gentlemen were duly elected for the ensuing year:
CHARLES S. TALBOT, THOMAS DICKSON, ABIEL A. LOW, JOHN JACOB ASTOR, R. LENOX KENNEDY, THOMAS CORNELL, JAMES M. HALSTED, W. J. HOPPIN, GEORGE ZABRISKIE, ROBERT MORGAN, JAMES B. TAYLOR, GEO. CABOT WARD, ROBT. M. OLYPHANT.
And at a meeting of the board held this day, THOMAS DICKSON, ESQ., was unanimously re-elected President.
By order of the Board.
GEORGE L. HAIGHT, Secretary.

OFFICE OF CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 52 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, April 26, 1873.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders and bondholders of the Chicago and North-western Railway Company for the election of Directors pursuant to law, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Chicago, on THURSDAY, the 5th of June next, at 1 o'clock P. M. Bondholders will not indicate their right to vote by presenting their voting bonds at the office of the Company, No. 52 Wall-st., New-York, for registration on or before the 5th of May proximo.
JOHN F. TRACY, President.
Q. R. MARVIN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, May 2, 1873.

THE BOOKS FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION to the capital stock of the German-American Loan and Mortgage Company will be opened, at the banking-house of Messrs. Heidelbach, Frank & Co., No. 32 Exchange-place. Ten per cent. of the amount subscribed must be paid at the time of subscription.
E. I. FRANK,
CHAUNCEY VIBBARD,
EMERSON FOOTE, } Commissioners.

OFFICE OF THE CANTON COMPANY,
BALTIMORE, May 6, 1873.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE stockholders of this Company, that their annual meeting, required by their charter and by-laws, will be held on THURSDAY, the 5th day of June next, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Company in the City of Baltimore, for the election of nine directors for the ensuing year. The stock transfer-books of the Company will be closed on the 28th day of May next, and remain closed until after said election.
CHAS. J. BAKER, President.
WM. DEAN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF UNION MINING COMPANY OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND,
NEW-YORK, May 12, 1873.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company (for the election of President and six directors) will be held at the office of the Company, No. 71 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on MONDAY, the 2d of June next, at 1 o'clock P. M. The polls will be open until 2 P. M.
The transfer-books will be closed from the 22d inst., until the 3d of June, both inclusive.
A. P. E. HEWITT, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BROADWAY AND SEVENTH-AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY,
CORNER 51ST-ST. AND 7TH-AV.,
NEW-YORK, May 26, 1873.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company, for the election of Directors and Inspectors of Election for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company on MONDAY, June 2d.
The polls will be open from 12 to 1 o'clock P. M.
THOMAS B. KERR, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE WILLIAMSBURG GAS COMPANY,
BROOKLYN, N. Y. May 12th, 1873.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Company for the ensuing year, and for Inspectors of Election for 1874, will be held at the office of the Company on MONDAY, June 2, next, between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock P. M. The transfer-books will be closed from May 26 to June 2, inclusive.
C. F. BLODGET, Secretary.

NEW-YORK PRODUCE EXCHANGE,
WHITEHALL AND PEARL STS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE New-York Produce Exchange will be held at their rooms on TUESDAY, May 27, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. By order
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CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
BROOKLYN, May 23, 1873.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE received at this office until TUESDAY, June 3, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purchase of the whole or any part of the following seven per cent. City Bonds, viz.: $150,000 Permanent Water Loan, due 1904 and 1910; $500,000 Three-year Bonds.
Proposals must be indorsed "Proposals for Bonds," and state price offered in addition to accrued interest. The Controller reserves the right to reject all bids not to the interest of the City.
F. A. SCHROEDER, Controller.

ELECTION.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held at the office of the New-York Bridge Company, No. 21 Water-st, in the City of Brooklyn, on MONDAY, the 2d day of June next, at 12 o'clock noon, of that day, for fifteen Directors of said Company for the then ensuing year, and for two inspectors of election for 1874.
The transfer-books will be closed from May 3 to June 3, 1873.—Dated May 2, 1873.
HENRY C. MURPHY, President.
O. P. QUINTARD, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-JERSEY SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the transfer-books of this company will close on MONDAY, June 2, at 3 o'clock P. M., and reopen on THURSDAY, June 10, at 10 o'clock A. M.
JOHN F. COLE, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK EQUITABLE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 59 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, May 21, 1873.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Company will be held at their office on MONDAY, the 2d day of June next.
The poll will open at 12, and close at 1 o'clock P. M.
JOHN MILLER, Secretary.

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COLUMBIA COLLEGE.—THE FINAL examination of the senior Class in Columbia College will commence on MONDAY, May 26, and will be continued during the following three days, and also during Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the week succeeding, beginning at 10 o'clock each day.
The concluding examination for the year of the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman Classes will commence on MONDAY, June 9, and will continue until Saturday, June 14, inclusive, beginning at the same hour.
The parents of students, the Trustees of the College, the Regents of the University, and the friends of education generally are respectfully invited to attend.
F. A. P. BARNARD, LL. D., President.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.—Candidates for admission to this institution will be examined at the College, East 49th-st., between Madison and 4th avs., on FRIDAY, June 20, beginning at 9: 0 A. M. The examination will be extended, if necessary, through the following day; but it is very desirable that all candidates should present themselves promptly at the time first named.
F. A. P. BARNARD, LL. D., President.

EDUCATION COMBINED WITH TRAVEL.—There is being formed a party of young gentlewomen to leave New-York for Europe July 2, under the guidance of a lady who has passed many years in foreign countries, and who will conduct their studies in languages and other branches of learning. Details in prospectus. Address TRAVELER, No. 39 West 28th-st., New-York.

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MISS BULKLEY'S BOARDING AND Day School for Young Ladies, Tarrytown, N. Y., will continue as usual. Present year will close June 25, 1873. Next school year will commence Sept. 17, 1873.

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CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—By a young English Protestant girl, lately landed, as chamber-maid and waitress; has always lived as house maid in England; understands her work thoroughly; no objection to a short distance in the country. Can be seen at No. 138 6th-av., over drug-store.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—By a very neat, respectable young girl, (Protestant,) who understands her work in every detail, is a competent waitress and thorough chamber-maid; references from last employer, who can be seen. Call at No. 138 West 11th-st., corner 6th-av.

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The dispatches from Paris last evening show that the immediate design of the French Conservatives in substituting MACMAHON for THIERS has been carried out. The extreme Republicans are, for the time being, apparently cowed. The Radical journals are moderate. GAMBETTA advises respect for the law. There has been no demonstration in the streets. Meantime Marshal MACMAHON'S acceptance of the Presidency contains not one word that could relieve the evident alarm of the Republicans—an alarm sure to be followed by anger. He pledges his word to "continue the work of liberating the territory and restoring order," and declares that he "will maintain tranquillity and the principles on which society rests," "with God's aid and the devotion of the army." Meanwhile he has promised the Prefets (*qui s'excuse s'accuse,*) that no attack shall be made on the laws and the institutions of the country.

They do these things better in England—that everybody will admit who reads the account of the sentence of a managing bank director in Jersey, a fortnight since. He was a very moderate thief. He had used some £8,000 of securities, pledged £5,000 more, and used the bank's name for some £15,000 more. But, though he was a judge of the Royal Court, he was convicted on four counts and sentenced to five years' penal servitude—which is quite different from being made President of a police board, for instance.

Our Washington dispatches state that the Civil Service Board and the Cabinet are agreed that modification of the Civil Service rules is required to make the test of fitness for special duties more severe. If any such modification is possible we hope it will be devised. To test fitness for duty is the only purpose of the rules. But we trust the board will remember that it is under the guise of an effort to secure this end that many enemies of the new system have attacked the rules. No attention should be given to any one who says that the rules at present existing do not afford a very useful means of testing practical ability. Any such assertion is contradicted by the records of the departments, and by the rules themselves. We beg the board, in endeavoring to improve on the present rules, not to weaken or to run any danger of weakening their essential principle, which is, that fitness *alone*, as far as it can be discovered, shall affect appointments.

That was a remarkable tornado, cyclone, or what not, that visited Iowa last Thursday. It commenced by "entirely demolishing" the "city" of Lancaster, and then proceeded over a track of some ten to twenty miles in length, leaving "scarcely a dwelling or a barn" in its track. It does not speak as well for the prosperity as for the moderation of the inhabitants of this region that the damage to property is estimated at only $100,000. A quarter of a mile seems to have been the favorite distance for the "cyclone" to carry things, and this was done indifferently with young ladies and mule teams. An exception was made in the case of a flock of 150 sheep, which were carried half a mile, and only dropped when all but forty of them had been "actually torn to fragments." The reporter who sends this ridiculous nonsense enumerates twelve deaths caused by the storm. Let us hope that his statements in this regard are as much exaggerated as his others obviously are.

The exhibit made by the Post-office Department with reference to the service of the White Star line is an ugly one. Five total failures and five serious delays in nine months in such a business are not as creditable to the efficiency of the company as they are to the patience of the Department. The community will certainly sustain the Department in prompt action.

Our belated Spring came upon us yesterday very suddenly. The day was as nearly perfect as the most enthusiastic could hope for. Many thousands of persons spent the day in the parks of this City and Brooklyn, and many more thronged the boats and cars for the adjacent country. The gentle rains of the mid-week, followed by the heats of Saturday and Sunday, have literally changed the face of nature in the fields and woods. Foliage has everywhere grown to twice its size a single week ago, and the larger flowering shrubs are covered with new blossoms. The few days that are now likely to precede the burning Summer weather are generally among the most lovely of the year.

Business in the Legislature.

From the letter of our Albany correspondent it will be seen that there is a general determination among the members of the Legislature to adjourn without day on Thursday next, and that a large amount of business remains to be acted upon. It is certain the session cannot and should not be prolonged beyond next week, and the members have therefore very little time in which to consummate several important measures which are still before them. About one thousand bills still remain on the files, and if it is expected that many of these are to receive attention during the few days that remain it is evident that the close of the session is to be in no way more creditable than usual. Taking the facts as they exist, it is the obvious duty of the Legislature to separate the wheat from this mountain of chaff without ceremony. Thus far the record of the two Houses is not in all things entirely discreditable, but it can be made very black, indeed, during the time that remains.

The first and most obvious duty is to come to an agreement through the Conference Committee on the constitutional amendments. It would better serve the public interests if these amendments were taken just as they came from the commission, but the changes which have been made are not of vital importance, and it is not of much consequence what are accepted and what rejected. It is of the utmost consequence, however, that the amendments shall not fail because of disagreement between the two Houses, and we hope there will be no obstinate sticking for trifles. Another matter of general interest is the Congressional Apportionment bill, as the law is needed to prevent future complications; the bill is substantially just to all parties, and should be passed without delay. Among the measures most needed by the City are the charter supplementary bills, which should become law after being weeded of the objectionable matters to which we have frequently called attention; the City and County Consolidation bill, which is imperatively required for our good government; the Park Improvements Bonds bill, without which there will be no funds to carry on park improvements, the Smith Gas bill and several others to which we called special attention on Thursday last.

In the same article we mentioned several bills which should not pass and which will not if the Legislature has any regard for its good name. Prominent among these is the Industrial Exhibition bill, to get $2,500,000 from the City, which has been industriously worked through almost to its final passage; the Newspaper Claims bills, which we are glad to see are not in very good plight, but which should be in much worse, and the bill to provide for the past and future pay-rolls of the Sheriff of New-York, which is a scandalous job, chiefly intended for the benefit of Sheriff BRENNAN. There are many minor jobs, doubtless, being pressed upon the members, and in the nature of things they must be deceived as to some of them, but those we have mentioned are too flagrant for gentlemen to plead ignorance in the future as to their real character. It is too late now to do much in the way of intelligent general legislation, and with measures much more imperatively required for present needs pressing for attention, such matters as the Champlain Ship Canal should be postponed to a future time. Only by this determination to clear the decks can scandalous bills be killed, and the legislation absolutely required be obtained.

We hope for the credit of the Legislature that it will be equal to the temptations that beset its closing hours. If it has not done as well as it might, it has, perhaps, done as well as anybody had any right to expect. Its record is not stainless, and by a stern devotion to duty during its last days, it may do something to retrieve its past. If it does not give us the constitutional amendments and the few other measures absolutely necessary for the public welfare, and does not strangle the jobs which it should never have allowed to give the faintest sign of life, it will suffer by comparison with its predecessor. No one wishes it so hard a fate.

Russia and England.

The Shah of Persia has had great honor paid him at the Imperial Palace at St. Petersburg, and has gone rejoicing on his way to Berlin. The hospitalities of the Czar are a trifle suggestive of the invitation of the spider to the fly told of in song, but if the Commander of the Faithful is satisfied, we suppose others ought to be. Still, it is not to be disguised that if Khiva is really to be overrun and annexed, if the war is to be "short, sharp, and decisive," or if the Khanate is to be simply absorbed without any war at all, Persia will be in serious danger. Recent tidings from the Steppes may be exaggerated, and, in fact, almost every statement from the seat of action has been flatly contradicted a day or two after. But whether the Khan is really a prisoner or not, and whether the "Karakush" does or does not fly over the Khivan towers, it seems to be generally held that the result of the Russian expedition is to be discounted as a foregone conclusion, and that the Khanate is to be taken and permanently held by the soldiers of the Czar. If half of what we hear be true, this is a contingency to be looked for at once, and it is so different from what has been professedly expected, and, indeed, stipulated for by the Powers most interested, as to augur an immediate future certainly clouded, and possibly tempestuous.

To take in the force of the situation we must remember that, within a very short time, Count SCHOUVALOFF promised the British Government, in the most explicit terms, on behalf of the Czar, that there should be no prolonged occupation of Khiva. This was certainly regarded in England as a binding pledge, and so accepted. The truth is, a strong pressure had been put on the London Cabinet, to compel the adoption of a minatory attitude toward Russia on the Khivan question, and the amicable assurances of Count SCHOUVALOFF were elicited, in the usual diplomatic way, for the sake of keeping things quiet. But this has not suited prevalent opinion in Russia, as was quickly made known. The Moscow *Gazette* made haste to declare that the words of Count SCHOUVALOFF were to be regarded in a qualified or conditional sense. It might be true that the envoy represented the then intentions of his master. But circumstances might alter cases, and there really was no telling what might happen when Gen. KAUFMANN'S columns were hundreds of miles away, provoked by Usbeg spears, and face to face with unforeseen emergencies. The assurance to the Court of St. James, therefore, "must not be regarded as a solemn promise, having the force of an international engagement, which, if set aside, involves a breach of faith." The *Golos* contemned this or any sort of equivocation, and was, and is, perfectly straightforward. Inspired by the statesmen who immediately surround the Czar, it boldly declares the annexation of Khiva to be inevitable. The whole object of the expedition, it affirms, was just this, and neither more nor less. Naturally enough, the Russian Press—and our readers need not be told there is a Russian Press outside of Russia as well as within it—has taken the tone of the Government organ. The annexation of Khiva is now proclaimed in all quarters as virtually an accomplished fact, and is universally counted on by the Russian people.

These facts are notorious, and their importance cannot be blinked or denied. It is true that some, whose interests or opinions incline them to the pacific view, have pointed out that the English Government cannot concern itself with non-official declarations, and that it is bound to rest on the assurances of the Russian Minister, at least until they are falsified by events. But, unfortunately, it is now known that heavy guns, of the sort only used for permanent fortifications, have been embarked on the Russian flotilla, on the Sea of Aral, and which can only possibly be designed for such works somewhere about the Lower Oxus. It is known that the arrangements for supplies, and the orders for future movements of troops are such as indicate with almost absolute certainty the permanent occupation of the Khan's dominions. This being so, the situation involves what a London newspaper circuitously describes as "an advance toward a condition of affairs not conducive to prolonged peaceful relations." It is not easy to see how England can help esteeming the falsification of Count SCHOUVALOFF'S promises as a flagrant breach of faith, and resenting it accordingly. Yet were points of etiquette alone at stake, matters might be patched up or smoothed over. Even the bitter feeling so general now among the masses of the British people that the "peace-at-any-price" men have had their way too long, and that through their abject policy England is losing her place among the nations, might still for a time be kept in check. But it is not punctilio or national pride alone which are at issue; it is material good, wealth, territory, and the influence and power that these entail. Russia once master of Khiva is at the gates of Persia, threatens the Afghan frontier, threatens in no remote future the whole British East Indian Empire. To submit now, may not, to be sure, be to submit hereafter. Yet, such will be the popular construction, such will be the estimate of on-looking Europe, and such, presumably, will be the expectancy of the aggressive class in Russia, who, for years, have been urging their Government to the conquest of Khiva. The situation is, assuredly, one of much gravity. A great war between England and Russia may not be close at hand; but unless the former country is prepared to accept at an early day the rank of a second-class Power; unless she is ready to shrink from conclusions with any leading military nation, and allow a precedent that, if followed, will strip her of her magnificent colonial possessions; in a word, unless she is disposed to forego the policy and traditions that have made her everything she is, England, at no distant period, will have to fight Russia again, and this time the prospects are she will have to go into the battle single-handed. Before its conclusion the struggle might, indeed, embroil all the other great European Powers; and such a consummation being, it is to be feared, inevitable, may now be reckoned as only a question of time.

Reform in Excise Affairs.

Although the new Excise Commissioners have been somewhat tardy in getting ready for business, the delay is justified by the care they are manifestly taking to obtain all the facts necessary to the proper performance of the delicate duties with which they are charged. Superintendent KELSO was requested, some time ago, to furnish them with full information of the number and character of the saloons in the City where spirituous or malt liquors are sold, and in the precinct reports, sent them in compliance with this request, they have all the statistics required for the intelligent discharge of their functions. They have also been delayed by the pendency of a bill in the Legislature, which has now become a law, and makes some important changes in the administration of excise affairs.

Being now prepared for work, Messrs. STEWART, VOORHIS and MARSHALL will, we presume, at once announce the policy they have adopted. We are glad to know that the rumor upon which we lately commented as to the grading of license fees, had no very stable foundation, and that the Commissioners have never seriously entertained the idea of fixing the fee at the highest sum named in the law in all cases. They have not fully determined this important matter, but it is certain that they will not neglect to use the discretion given them by law. The new act permits them to fix the fee for an excise license at any sum from $30 to $250, and the fees will be graded to suit the several classes of saloons. It is undoubtedly apparent to the Commissioners, after a candid consideration of all the facts in their possession, that they should discourage, so far as possible, the opening of small saloons, where only vile liquors are sold, and in many cases they can only do this by demanding a high fee. On the other hand, saloons where only lager-beer is sold are comparatively harmless, and the cause of temperance will be served, so far as it can be by their action, by placing the licenses for these saloons at the lowest amount.

By the new act a salutary power has been given the Commissioners, which, properly used, will be of great value to the City. Under the Excise law which TWEED made, a license once granted was never revoked. Any one, therefore, could open a disreputable den and continue it, as so many hundreds did, to our great disgrace and detriment. The present Commissioners can revoke a license upon evidence that the business under it is not conducted in a reputable manner. The mere fact of the existence of this power will to a great extent make its exercise unnecessary, as persons will be much more likely to keep reputable places when, if they do not, they can at any time be prevented from keeping any. Drunkards are made and families impoverished, not by casual drinking, but by persistent lounging in dens where the temptation to indulgence is constantly presented. A policy should be adopted in reference to places where only spirituous liquors are sold that will tend to break up the many shops which have been seminaries to educate the youth of the City in debauchery and crime. We do not doubt that the Commissioners will do all in their power in this direction, and we are sure they will immediately close all the notorious resorts for vile characters by refusing to license them.

A great opportunity is presented the new Excise Commissioners, and we are encouraged to hope they will not neglect it. The debasement of the people was the first essential of the Tammany system of government, and as not the least of the means to this end, the laws were framed and administered to encourage drunkenness and poverty among the masses. Hence we have the suggestive fact that there are in this City, as the result of this policy, 8,403 saloons, or one to every 112 of the population of 942,292, given by the last census. With this startling exhibit it is not strange that it requires $3,003,000 per annum to support our police; that last year the arrests for intoxication and disorderly conduct, due almost invariably to drunkenness, were 60,185; that 30,507 persons of confirmed intemperate habits were committed to the City prisons, and that the constant population in the institutions under the Commissioners of Charities and Correction is about 8,000. No community can afford to ignore such statistics as these, and when it is known that of late years we have been constantly going from bad to worse, it is evident that whatever can be done must be done to stop this frightful waste. Under the present laws and in the present condition of public sentiment, but little is possible further than to so administer excise affairs as to discourage rather than encourage the liquor traffic. This first step in a reform which must be achieved in order to make sure of public safety and prosperity, depends wholly upon the present Excise Commissioners, and we believe they will not fail in their duty. Beyond this action time and perseverance are required to bring the public mind to a full realization of the significance of all the facts concerning the liquor traffic, in order that more effective remedies may be applied in the future.

The Cost of Canadian Confederation.

Some very interesting facts were elicited during the recent debates in the Canadian House of Commons on the new articles of agreement for the admission of Prince Edward Island into the Confederation. The proposed covenant of union provides that Prince Edward Island shall be entitled to incur—because of its exceptional and isolated condition—a debt of $4,701,050, or $50 per head of its population, the calculation to be made from the census returns of 1871, viz., 94,021; that in the event of not incurring so much debt, interest at the rate of five per cent. shall be paid to the island authorities by the General Government upon the difference between what may be actually contracted and the full sum. That in case the debt should exceed the aforesaid $4,701,050, the island shall be liable for interest at the rate of five per cent. on such excess. That in consideration of the fact that the Government of the island holds no lands from the Crown by the revenue of which to construct and maintain public works, the "Dominion Government shall pay $45,000 per annum less interest at five per cent. upon any sum not exceeding $809,000, which the Dominion Government may advance to the Prince Edward Island Government for the purchase of lands now held by large proprietors." That in consideration of the transfer to the Dominion of the power of taxation, a sum of $30,000 shall be paid yearly to the island for the support of the Government and Legislature, in addition to an annual grant equal to eighty cents per head of its population until the same shall reach 400,000. The Dominion shall also pay the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Judges of the Supreme, District, and County Courts, and provide for the maintenance of the postal department, the protection of the fisheries, the provision for the militia, the light-houses, ship-wrecked crews, quarantine and marine hospitals, the geological survey, the penitentiary and an efficient steam service between the island and the main land Winter and Summer. The railways under construction by the Island Government are to become the property of the Dominion.

It is also stipulated that, in consideration of the increase in the population since 1861, the island shall be represented in the Dominion House of Commons by six members. The present Ministry, of course, will expect the support of this delegation, on the ground of gratitude. There is no doubt that Prince Edward Island will be the gainer by a union under such favorable circumstances. Down to 1869 it was, in great part, owned by a few persons residing in England, who rented the lands to the inhabitants. The whole island contains 1,250,000 acres. Of this amount 800,000 acres were owned in the manner described. Since 1869 the islanders have made large purchases of these lands, but a considerable portion yet remains unsold. It is proposed to purchase the remainder with the amount to be paid by the Dominion, although considering the great increase which has lately taken place in their value, owing to the building of railroads, it is not at all likely that the owners will be willing to part with them short of a good round sum.

The assumption of the Prince Edward Island debt and annuities, the annuity of $150,000 to New-Brunswick to compensate for the loss of lumber dues to that province, according to Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT, will have the effect of running the public debt of the Dominion up to $.60,000,000, the interest of which, at five per cent., will, it appears, go into the pockets of European money-lenders. The actual revenue of the country is stated to be $18,000,000, but the cost of collection and deficit of the postal service being deducted from this amount, it will be reduced to $16,500,000. Taking from this $8,000,000 for interest on the debt, and $3,000,000 of subsidies to provinces, only $4,500,000 remain to meet all the other expenses of government. The old provinces, which are not increasing in population, and are not likely to increase very greatly during the next decade, Mr. CARTWRIGHT believes will have to bear almost the entire burden of the debt, and, being already largely in debt by counties and municipalities, he thinks that it is a dangerous policy for the Government to put such a load upon them. The prosperity of the Dominion during the past few years he believes to be owing to exceptional circumstances. Notwithstanding the wonderful recuperative power that has been shown, he is fearful that ruin will fall upon the country should there be two or three years of bad harvests. Mr. CARTWRIGHT, in very feeling terms, called the attention of the House to the fact that the population of the Dominion had not increased to the extent expected, while on the other hand, "as the census returns disclosed, no less than 489,000 Canadians had taken up their residences in the United States. These men, too, were, as a general rule, the best class of our population. * * All he could hope was, that in future he should not see half a million of the flower of their population going to build up the neighboring Republic."

Efforts were made by supporters of the Government to combat the mass of statistics produced by Mr. CARTWRIGHT in support of his argument, but without much success. Some of the leading newspapers believe that the Ministry has been plunging about rather wildly, and that the danger which Mr. CARTWRIGHT points out is by no means imaginary. In the past Canada suffered from the lack of that progressive spirit which has been the means of building up this country. The complaint is that she now suffers from too much of it.

Water and Shade.

The advantages of living in a large city are so many and so various as fairly to dwarf the inconveniences. In the abundance and vivacity of the intellectual life alone in any great centre of human activity, there is a stimulus which all the delights of rural existence could but ill replace. The theatres, the libraries, the art galleries, the concerts, perhaps, more than all the attrition of ideas and the constant correction of opinions in daily intercourse with widely different types and conditions of men, are helps to moral and mental growth, which people of culture could ill afford to lose. And, on the score of mere enjoyment, residence in a city like New-York is much to be preferred, since, in addition to its own distinctive pleasures, it has those of the country at command. The citizen who is tired of dust and turmoil has but to take a step as it were to find himself by the seaside or in the meadows, or if he be unable to take the step, the Central Park brings the country as it were to his doors.

In the face of many benefits conferred, it seems ungracious to grumble at the few annoyances to which City life is exposed. Rather it would so seem, if most of these were not so easily susceptible of remedy. Because we have the opportunity of seeing FECHTER or SOTHERN every night, if we are so minded, there is no good reason why we should go on forever breaking our shins and spoiling our tempers over the barrels and crates that turn into "no thoroughfare" one-half of our down-town streets. Because we have the Croton Aqueduct at command in every room of our houses, ought we, therefore, find it next to impossible to get a drink of water out of doors? Or, for the eye of taste, shrinking from the fiery vista of one of our unshaded up-town avenues, blazing like a sort of brown-stone Sahara under the fierce Midsummer heats, what consolation is there in being told that THEODORE THOMAS' garden concerts are unrivaled, or that WARD'S statue of SHAKESPEARE is one of the finest in the world?

These and the like are small annoyances; but it is just because they are so small and so easily removed that they are irritating. If there were a law, for example, that all good citizens should be obliged to clamber through Dey or Barclay-street, and break their shins at least once a day, all good citizens, we are sure, would submit, if not with cheerfulness, at least without resistance. Or if it were, in like manner, illegal to become thirsty in the street, we might endure the lack of public drinking-fountains with composure. So if shade-trees were a blemish or unhealthful, we should say no more about it, but go on scorching resignedly in our brown-stone deserts. But the facts are all the other way. The law, at least passively, rather discourages the packing-box torture; indeed, the Constitution of the State expressly forbids the infliction of cruel or unusual punishments; and the Legislature has been trying hard to encourage water-drinking. And as for the trees, we all know they are grateful to the senses, and retired physicians tell us that they are better than doctors' bills for the promotion of hygiene. If they rendered no other service than to spare one side of most of our streets the daily humiliation of contemplating the architectural hideousness of the other, their presence would be a perennial benevolence. The only valid argument that can be urged against them—namely, that too much shade is as unsalubrious as too little—would be offset by planting open-leafed varieties, such as the silver poplar, whose foliage intercepts only the glare, and not the gladness, of the sunshine.

The difficulty of starting reform in such minor matters consists in the fact that their irritating absence or their exasperating presence becomes so familiar to all as to seem at last a matter of course, a thing to be silently execrated and endured. Everybody suffers from them, and after the momentary irritation, forgets all about them. But we do not quite despair, except, indeed, as to the packing-boxes, which seem to be quite beyond the power of humanity to get rid of. But water and shade we mean to have in abundance, if asking will bring them. Some day, perhaps, when everybody has got an office, or definitely settled that he is not to have one, small troubles of this kind may gain attention. One thing is certain. More fountains mean less dram-drinking, and more shade-trees less malaria. Having gained so much, packing-boxes will lose half their terrors.

MINOR TOPICS.

The recent victories of the Carlists may or may not be greatly exaggerated, but that the insurrection is too formidable to be combatted by ordinary means is very evident. The Republican General, VALARDS, has ordered a levy of boys from fourteen to sixteen years of age, with whom he proposes to reinforce his army, and drive the Carlists from the field. This is rather worse folly than the recent attempt at Barcelona to enroll a regiment of women. If these poor little boys should be forced into the army, they would be worse than useless, and would be simply food for Carlist ferocity. It is earnestly to be hoped that one or the other party will soon gain a decisive victory. Even the success of the Carlists would be a less evil than the prolongation of anarchy and civil war.

No church can wholly protect itself from fools who, while professing its principles, outrage its spirit. The English Church is afflicted with one of these, who edits the *Church Herald*, and who says of the late Mr. MILL:

"His 'philosophy,' so called, was thoroughly anti-Christian; his sentiments darkly mischievous and outrageously wild. As a member of Parliament he was a signal failure, and his insolence to, and contempt for, the great Conservative Party was well known. His death is no loss to anybody, for he was a rank but amiable infidel, and a most dangerous person. The sooner those 'lights of thought' who agree with him go to the same place, the better will it be for both Church and State. We can well spare the whole crew of them, and shall hear of their departure, whether one by one, or in a body, with calm satisfaction."

Another trapeze performer met his death recently, in an Indiana town, while making a "leap for life," at a giddy height, by missing his aim and falling into the audience. In this case the poor fellow who made his way in the world the little time he was in it by performing feats which nobody would have cared to see, except from the excitement of the danger to him, had the sorry satisfaction of falling upon one of the spectators, who was also seriously injured. If this result were only sure to follow in all cases of accident to the performers, we might hope that the demand for this senseless "amusement" would so diminish as to make it unprofitable. We have no desire to discourage the love of athletic sports, but these performances cannot be called such, and the public ought to be led to prefer boating and other sports.

There is a prospect for the speedy completion of the survey of the north-western boundary between the United States and the British Possessions. At the last session Congress appropriated $125,000 for the work during the coming Summer, and the engineers of the American expedition depart from St. Paul during the present week for the scene of their labors. Last year the survey was completed with the aid of the British expedition from Fort Pembina to the Lake of the Woods, and it is hoped to finish it to the Rocky Mountains during this season. The work of determining the forty-ninth parallel, which is declared by treaty to be the boundary line, has been one of great tediousness and labor, owing to its being prosecuted almost wholly in a wilderness, yet it is one that must be completed to avoid entanglements between the two countries. A practical question arose some time ago by Fenian raiders claiming that they had been captured by the British on American soil, and others may arise in the future.

An important decision has just been rendered in a Washington City court, and all victims of the vagaries of shoemakers will thank the Daniel, who fortunately came to judgment in the case, for the righteous conclusion he reached. The plaintiff sued for the price of a pair of shoes, for which the defendant refused to pay, on the ground that they did not fit. To determine this question of fact, the magistrate required the shoes to be tried on in open court, whereupon the defendant declared appearances were deceitful, as the shoes hurt him very much. Judge HUMPHREYS then wandered out of law, perhaps, but certainly into common sense, to remark that tight-fitting shoes being very trying, a party is not required to accept those which fail to come up to the requirements of comfort, and therefore entered judgment for the defendant. As an effect of this decision we may hope that hereafter shoemakers will pay more attention to the idiosyncrasies of feet, and that the painful process known as "breaking in" a pair of shoes will be an unknown torture in the future. If his decision brings this happy result, Judge HUMPHREYS will deserve a monument as durable, at least, as leather.

That "phœnix" will soon be rising again, and this time from Boston. The sturdy New England nature was not cast down by the great disaster, and now, when only six months have elapsed since the fire, such progress has been made in rebuilding that it is believed within the year all traces of the ravages of the flames will be removed. And it is a comfort to the stranger to know that some of the streets have been widened and others straightened, so that the burned district will be less of a labyrinth than it was. There is also satisfaction in knowing that in rebuilding more attention has been paid to durability than ornamentation, so that while the new Boston may seem less gorgeous to the superficial observer it will really be more imposing and far less likely to be destroyed by fire. The lessons of their disasters have not been wholly thrown away on either Chicago or Boston, and the marvelous enterprise and pluck displayed by both in the work of reconstruction justify the songs of self-congratulation each is now stanchly singing. Chicago formally glorifies herself next month, and Boston will be excused for following the example.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

To Railroad Superintendents.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Through you I would like to give some gratuitous but very excellent advice to railroad superintendents. I wish to ask for the issuing of an order requiring brakesmen to perform their very few duties more satisfactorily and usefully to the public. They have but little to do now since the introduction of the air brake, but announce the stations. This they do too hurriedly and too indistinctly. Many persons depend almost entirely upon such announcements to know where to get off. I am convinced that very often painful mistakes occur. To-day I am riding on the Philadelphia and Reading Road; my hearing is ordinarily acute; yet I have not been able without consulting my guide-book to understand one announcement made by the brakesman. He opens the door in a hurried manner, and amid all the clatter and noise of the rushing train, shouts the name of the station. It is impossible to understand him. A few months ago your correspondent was riding upon one of our leading roads. An old lady, traveling alone, was sitting a few seats ahead in the car. She was nervous and excited, and very feeble. We stopped at a station, the name of which sounded like the one she was going to. The brakesman opened the door and shouted it in the manner above described. She gathered up her little valise and shawl and started for the door; before she reached it the train had started. She went out upon the platform and was about to leap off when I caused her by the arm and led her back to her seat in the car. Had she leaped off she would have been greatly injured, perhaps killed. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Road has adopted the following plan: The brakesman is required to enter the car, close the door behind him, and then slowly and distinctly announce the name of the station the train is approaching twice. It is an excellent and much-needed reform, and should become universal.

CONSTANT TRAVELER.

A Canadian on American Liberty.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I am a Canadian lawyer. I came out in the West last Fall, and I would like the privilege of telling the American people just one thing of the many I have seen among them.

There is no people under the sun who boast of their liberties to such an extent as this people, but I must confess that I have failed to see the protection to personal liberty I expected to find. Let me first say that in no place where I have been have I found either life or property half as well protected as they are in Canada. Really, in this country personal liberty is a precarious privilege. Upon the slightest charge, whether for libel or slander, or alleged illegal voting, (as in the case of a number of prominent ladies, who claimed their rights under a disputed point of law,) persons are unceremoniously seized and led to prison. I cannot understand why the American people will endure such outrages. The law of arrest in this country is 100 years behind the age. Why, Sir, in Canada no man can be arrested unless upon grave charges, and our best men there have never had their persons locked up in a jail! In that country, to be arrested is considered one of the gravest events that can happen to an individual, and, whether he is guilty or innocent, the stigma will fasten upon him as long as he lives. But in this country I find that upon frivolous charges, whether a man is about to abscond or not, it is quite customary to seize him, without previous warning, and lock him up in jail. Some of your best citizens have been arrested, and they cannot deny but they have been in jail at least once in their lives. What an outrage it is upon a person thus to be disgraced for life! I think this country is too free with the personal liberties of its people. It is no wonder that judges, armed with such tremendous powers for their brief periods of office, fall victims to corruption, selling their power and protection to those who can pay most for them.

I would refer to the recent case of George Francis Train. Although having the greatest disgust for his pernicious obscenities, and quite convinced that he, and Woodhull and the whole obscene tribe, ought to be in jail at hard labor for their crimes against society, yet the imprisonment of Train under the late decision of "not guilty of libel on the ground of insanity" is an atrocious outrage upon personal liberty and the sacred rights of man. It is a proceeding more worthy of the mediæval age, and I hope that it will have the effect of waking up the people to their danger.

A jury de lunatico inquirendo had just declared Train of sound mind, and this was the only issue or point they were to consider. Great pains were taken to get the best testimony upon the question, and the decision was solemnly given declaring Train of "sound mind," and, therefore responsible for his acts.

This jury trial is succeeded by another charge, (that of publishing obscene literature,) and the jury impaneled to try the case take upon themselves to declare Train "not guilty upon the ground of insanity!" In this latter trial, the question of insanity was collateral to the main issue in the indictment, yet the jury solemnly take upon themselves to contradict the former verdict!

Now, suppose the latter jury is right—what follows such a verdict in such a case? Is Train a dangerous lunatic, that only prison bars can keep him from injuring people? There is no such intimation; yet the judge orders him to the confinement of a prison for an indefinite period! It is no wonder that Mr. Train indignantly told the judge that he impeached him in the name of the people. Such tyrannizing over a man's personal liberty upon such ridiculous grounds is enough to make an ordinary mind crazed. I hope that the American people will wake up to the dangers that threaten their liberties from this and other quarters, before it is too late to preserve order in society.

Yours, &c., BARRISTER.

The Mission to Russia—Gov. Jewell Deliberating.

HARTFORD, CONN., MAY 25.—Ex-Gov. Jewell reached home from the West late Saturday night and found the official tender of the appointment as Minister to Russia awaiting him. He is considering the matter, and will probably accept.

CHINA.

A Question of Etiquette—Female Talent in the Flowery Kingdom.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PEKING, Friday, March 14, 1873.

The momentous question of an audience with the Son of Heaven is just now agitating the diplomatic body with the vehemence of an ague fit, and keeping the entire foreign community, from the capital to the "ports," in a fever of expectation. Before this reaches you the telegraph may (I trust it will) have announced its solution, and so put it out of your power to sympathize with the anxieties which we feel on a certain point of court etiquette. If it were in my power, however, to paint the situation in its living colors—to tell on the faith of rumor how ladies have been packing for a sudden exodus in case of an unfavorable turn—how all other business is for the time absorbed in this one topic, and how the Envoys flit mysteriously back and forth between the Legations and the Tsungliyamen, together with some idea of the rate of exchange in the currency of protocols, and what subcoat in galvanizing a degree of interest in spite of the telegraph.

At present our anxieties are too far relieved to admit of writing anything in the tragic vein. It is not any longer doubtful whether the Chinese Government will exhibit a proposition looking to the introduction at court of the Foreign Ministers.

The Chinese Ministers have not only met the question as squarely as their circumstances would lead us to expect; instead of evading, they appear to have invited it. On the very day when their youthful master assumed the reins of Government, they announced the fact to all the legations, though they had been duly admonished that the representatives of foreign powers were only waiting for this event to claim that kind of reception which is allowed to their office in all other countries of the civilized world.

In response to this, the five resident Ministers, viz.: the English, French, Russian, German, and American, sent in a joint note (union is strength) requesting Prince Kung to ascertain from his Majesty when it would be convenient to have them wait on him to present the congratulations of their respective Governments.

After this there was silence in the Chinese camp for some days, Prince Kung not choosing, for being too much engaged to come to the front on this occasion,) and Won Chungtang, the actual Prime Minister, being on sick leave. But the emergency was such that this last-named functionary cut short his leave, and, together with three or four of his colleagues, had an interview with the representatives of the five powers on last Tuesday, the 11th inst. The meeting was a joint one, as the notes had been. It took place at the house of the Russian Minister, who, as senior member, is dean of the diplomatic body, and was conducted in the most friendly spirit.

The Chinese statesmen said that their Government had not thought of rejecting the application for an audience; but such were the feelings and habits of the court that some concession in the way of ceremonial would be highly desirable. Kneeling was suggested—the kotow or nine prostrations not being so much as mentioned. They were told that kneeling in any form was not to be thought of, and the meeting adjourned without arriving at any result.

Another meeting on the same subject took place to-day at the house of the German Minister, the Russian Minister having gone to Shanghai to meet the Grand Duke Alexis. Whether anything was concluded I have not yet learned, but presume not, as Chinese diplomacy is always slow in matters that savor of innovation. A delay of a few months at the least will be required to enable the court to reconcile itself to the idea of such a rude interference with the established order as that of a foreign minister standing in the sacred presence, before which princes of the blood must bow in the dust.

It ought to be mentioned that the privilege of access to the Emperor without the performance of any humiliating ceremony is stipulated for in the British treaty that Tiengkaifon, the late eminent Viceroy of Nanking, recommended his Government to accept the situation, and that Lord McCartney and Isbret Idea, Ambassadors of England and Russia, were received by the ancestors of his present Majesty with distinguished honor and exempted from compliance with the common ceremonial.

Lastly, it should not be forgotten that this whole subject was amply discussed with the United States Minister, Mr. Ward, in 1859, when the impossibility of bending one knee through an arc of a few inches constituted the whole difficulty in the way of our Minister (and your correspondent) seeing the Emperor. I feel safe in predicting that before this reaches you Mr. Low will have seen the Emperor without purchasing the privilege by a genuflexion.

The Chinese Ministers profess to feel a much greater awe in the presence of the Emperor than they did in that of the Empresses Regent. One says that when addressed by his Majesty he was so agitated that he forgot his own name, and another, who is eighty-five years old, forgot his age, while a brother mandarin, kneeling beside him, is said to have stated his age as an answer to the question "How long he had been in office." This incident reminds us of a deaf duchess who was introduced to Napoleon I. Being informed that he always began by asking one's age, she prepared herself to answer accordingly, and when the Emperor inquired how many children she had, she promptly replied "Fifty-two."

The last grand ceremony connected with the now-expired regency took place on the 9th inst., the Emperor presiding, and conferring on the Dowager and the Empress-Mother the lofty titles by which they are to be known in history. The entire list of titles to which, on this occasion only, two syllables were added as a kind of pendant, is—for the Dowager, *Tsze-an Tsoo Yu Kung-hing Hoang Taihoo*; for the Empress-Mother, *Tsze-hi Tsoon Yu Kung-ye Hoang Taihoo*. They are untranslatable, but the general idea is a mingling, in various proportions, of the qualities of goodness, grace, elegance, and tranquillity.

The regency of these imperial ladies was a momentous period for China, and the manner in which they discharged their responsibilities is quite an argument in favor of female sovereignty. While the two Kings of Sparta were always fighting each other, and the two Roman Consuls, Cæsar and Augustus, were always creating or utilizing conflicts for power, these ladies jointly wielded the power of this empire for twelve years without the public ever hearing a word of discord in their councils. Peace with foreign powers was maintained, internal rebellions suppressed, and the son of one of them, without exciting the jealousy of the other, or rather by the joint care of both, brought safely through the perils of childhood to the enjoyment of the throne of his fathers.

This is not the place for a dissertation on female talent. I will only say that China can show a long list of women who have distinguished themselves as regents and guardians of their sons, though a rigid Salic law excludes Chinese females from reigning in their own right. The main talent of these two ladies, like that of the English Victoria, seems to have consisted in taking advice—i. e., in ruling by means of able ministers.

While the first festivities of the new reign were just commencing, the auspicious news was brought of the complete suppression of the Mohammedan kingdom in the south-west, the Panthoe State, as it was called, had held its ground, and disturbed the peace of several provinces for eighteen years. Its suppression is due to the material progress of China, i. e., to the introduction of improved arms and better modes of warfare. Every advance in the art of war tends to promote the arts of peace.

That the new reign may be long and prosperous is, I believe, the wish of most of the foreigners who dwell within the bounds of the Celestial Empire. R.

Outrage by Desperadoes in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 25.—A band of desperadoes, numbering thirty or more, took forcible possession of Caddo, in the Indian Territory, a station on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, on Saturday, and defied the authorities. The United States Marshal was overpowered. He telegraphed to Fort Gibson for help, and troops were sent to quell the disturbance.

THE MAINE CAMPAIGN.

Three Candidates for the Republican Nomination for Governor—The Democratic Situation as Hopeless as Ever.

From a Special Correspondent.

AUGUSTA, Friday, May 23, 1873.

For an "off" year there is great interest shown in the approaching State campaign. But this has no especial significance, much as those who were in the wake of that destructive tidal wave of last Summer would like to believe, or have it believed outside the State. There is no distracting "issue" of moment; no grievance of any particular sort. The interest is solely excited in the race of the friends of three men for the nomination of Governor in the Republican Convention, to be held in Bangor in June, by which the election in September is assured. Gov. Perham has served his three terms and will not run again, and the coast is clear for a new man; hence the interest and the political discussion in the Press and among the people throughout the State. The first mentioned for the nomination were Nelson Dingley, Jr., of Lewiston; and James M. Stone, of Kennebunk; and the last, and with a good deal of vigor, old Gov. Kent, of Bangor, who has just retired from the Supreme Bench with respect and honor. At present the following of Mr. Dingley seems to be the most substantial. Mr. Stone has many supporters, but not a sufficient number, it is believed, to secure his nomination, and it is thought probable they will go into the convention prepared to throw their influence on the side of the most promising of the other two candidates. The mention of Gov. Kent's name was first made, it is understood, as a mark of gratitude. On his retirement from the bench some of his friends thought that it would be a fitting recognition of his honorable public work to place him once more in the Governor's chair, and so, at a banquet given him in Bangor by the members of the Bar, he was put in nomination. Since then his name has been taken up in different sections of the State, and has received, in not a few instances, enthusiastic indorsement. Gov. Kent was the candidate for Governor in the famous Harrison campaign of 1840, when Maine, as she has so many times done, swung around, and indicated how the country would go. He was the Kent sung about in that famous campaign song, which so inspired the electors of that day:

> Have you heard the news from Maine,
> How it went, went, went—
> It went, hell bent
> For Gov. Kent,
> For Tippecanoe and Tyler too;
> And with them we'll beat any man
> Of the Van Buren clan,
> And with them we'll beat any man.

Dingley and Stone have both been in the Legislature repeatedly, and have both served one or more terms as Speaker of the House, and on important committees. Mr. Dingley is a native of the State, and has long lived in Lewiston, where, as editor and publisher of the Lewiston *Journal*, one of the ablest papers in the State, he has been long prominent. One of his strongest supports is the temperance wings of the Republican Party. He himself is not a radical temperance advocate, but he is known to be a true and steadfast friend of the reform, and so has considerable weight. In the Legislature of last Winter he was the acknowledged leader of the House, and in that brilliant campaign of last Summer and Fall, so splendidly managed by Speaker Blaine, he was a most active and trustworthy lieutenant. His stronghold is in the Second Congressional District and the Kennebec Valley. Col. Stone has a good record, but his residence, at the extreme end of the State, near the New-Hampshire line, and the enthusiasm for Mr. Dingley, are somewhat against him. It is intimated that he will receive in the convention a complimentary vote from York County and that section of the State, and that the second choice of his friends will be for Mr. Dingley. Just at present he appears to stand prominently, a card having been published here, signed by many, if not all, of the Republican office-holders in this section of the State, urging his nomination. Speaker Blaine, in order not to be obliged to make a choice between friends, and be called upon to throw his influence on the side of one or another, has wisely packed up his traps and gone off for an early vacation in California.

The Democrats have as yet made no sign of what they will do. They will certainly not hold their convention until after that of the Republicans. They are not a very enthusiastic set. Probably Kimball will be again brought out and run, but no one looks for anything more than the usual following. There are no "Liberal" Republicans to be counted on this year, and no way is open by which the Democrats can hope to draw any outside votes whatever to their fold. A little effort may be made to change the complexion of the Legislature, which is exasperatingly Republican, but it can hardly be expected to avail much. The old State is as truly Republican to-day as it was on that splendid election day last September, when it foretold in no uncertain tones, as of old, how the country would go, and nothing can be done by the opposition, this season at least, to break it. The platform of this year will be similar to that of last; it may touch upon Congressional reforms, and perhaps on civil service reforms.

Gov. Perham will not retire from politics, I understand. He has been spoken of for several United States offices, and will probably be chosen to one of them. His administration has been a substantial and honorable one, though not especially brilliant in any direction.

The General of the Jesuits.

Father Beckx, the General of the Order of the Jesuits, has, it appears, been "interviewed" at Rome by a correspondent of the Vienna *Presse*. The correspondent describes him as a short, narrow-shouldered man of seventy, with a pale and tranquil countenance, "whose life seemed to concentrate itself in his expressive gray eyes, shaded by long black lashes, and always bent to the ground, except when he is addressing you." He was dressed in a long loose robe, which he held together over his chest with his left hand. "The General's head is long and narrow, and its baldness is concealed by a black skull-cap; his brown hair, interspersed here and there with a thread of silver, is brushed back from his temples behind his ears; and a sharp, prominent nose and thin, bloodless lips complete this very characteristic but unattractive countenance." The father speaks French and German with equal purity, though his native language is French. "I left Belgium," he said, "where I was born, in 1819, and resided some time in Germany. In 1850 I went to Vienna, and I lived in Austria till 1850." He complained bitterly of the persecution so fiercely by the brethren of his Order, "who are now scrutinized about from place to place that, although most of them can speak French, Italian, and German, they now often find themselves in countries where they are unable to make themselves understood. Soon," he said, "they will have to learn Spanish, perhaps Magyar." After asking a great many questions about the public feeling in Austria and France, Father Beckx alluded to the approaching visit of the Emperor of Russia to the Vienna Exhibition. "Russia," he observed, "has been reduced by her inconsiderate policy in religious matters to the position of an Asiatic State. Even in Asia our missions have been very successful, and new and powerful races are developing themselves under the beneficent influence of the civilization introduced by our priests; yet in Russia every day brings new sufferings to the Church and the people. Until lately the Government did not attempt to abolish the united Church, but only to Russify it. It ordered Russian prayer-books to be always used in the churches, but though the Polish peasant had to mutter his prayers in a language unknown to him, he yet knew the meaning of what he said. Now, however, the people are driven by main force into the Russian churches, and Russian Popes have taken the place of the local clergy." Toward the close of the interview the father pointed toward a large and handsome building which was visible from the window. "There," he said, "was formerly the finest portion of our college; now it is occupied by Government offices. The Government, which wants much, and desires even more, has reduced us by this annexation to very moderate proportions. You are aware that it now proposes to obtain a law sanctioning all it has done, and yet proposes to do. This they call expropriation; but there are many fine words which do not express their right meaning."

ERIE, ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN.

To the Editor of the New-York Times.

Mr. Horace F. Clark having, in his testimony before the Select Brief Committee of the New-York Assembly, on the 22d ultimo, adduced a private letter of mine addressed to him, and that letter having been published in your columns, it becomes my duty to amplify the statements therein contained.

I therefore hand you a circular, with accompanying papers, signed "Fred. W. Smith, London Secretary of the Erie Railway Company." This Mr. Smith was Secretary of a London Committee, since disbanded, but he never was Secretary of "the company." He is now put forward under pretended official authority by Messrs. Bischoffsheim & Goldschmidt, in order that they may obtain "irrevocable" proxies to be used at the next and all other meetings of shareholders and elections for inspectors and directors. You will observe that the proxies are filled up in favor of Peter H. Watson and Samuel L. M. Barlow. The name of Mr. Watson is inserted as a make-weight, it being the intention to leave him and all the other directors who will not act at the bidding of Messrs. Bischoffsheim & Goldschmidt "out in the cold." The object of the movement is to place the franchises of the company under the control of Mr. Barlow. As a blind there has been distributed with the circular a list of the directors "elected 9th July, 1872," as if that list were the "ticket" for the next election. Mr. Moran, of the United States Legation, is behind the scenes in the conspiracy with Messrs. Bischoffsheim & Goldschmidt, and through him a list of the United States Consuls and Consular Agents was obtained. Some of the documents bear British Government stamps, and the "registration" is to be made "free of charge;" but these and other expenses are to be presented after the election, as a claim upon the Erie Treasury.

Messrs. Bischoffsheim & Goldschmidts intend to "capture" the Erie as they "captured" the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis Railroad, with the view, as it were, of making the Atlantic and Great Western the parent line, so that by mixing up the finances of the three concerns its insolvency will not be seen.

Messrs. Bischoffsheim & Goldschmidt and the trustees for the reorganization of the Atlantic and Great Western Company, Messrs. George B. McClellan, William Butler Duncan, and Allen G. Thorman are in a scrape, and efforts are thus being made to screen them. By the parade of their high-sounding names the creditors of the Atlantic and Great Western Company were induced to accept a scheme of settlement based upon a debt and share capital of $65,000,000, which is more than twice the value of the property. But the trustees have completely disregarded the scheme, and have created bonds and shares to the amount of $109 000,000. The first mortgage bonds, instead of being $10,500,000 as per the scheme, have been increased to $18,000,000; the second mortgage bonds from $7,000,000 to $12,000,000; the third mortgage bonds from $22,000,000 to $29,000,000, and the shares have been increased in like manner. The mortgages which were to have been in favor of an American Trust Company, are in favor of two of Mr. Barlow's clerks. The trustees have not rendered their accounts, and Messrs. Bischoffsheim & Goldschmidt, who act as "agents" for them, give no information as to what has become of the proceeds of the overissues of bonds and shares. The shares—which are not only utterly worthless, but, by the Constitution of Ohio, entail a responsibility upon their holders—have been selling in this market at about twenty per cent. of their face value. The scheme has been further disregarded by the issue of £2,000,000 leased lines rental trust bonds—that is a number of branch lines belonging chiefly to Bischoffsheim party, having been leased at exorbitant rentals to the Atlantic and Great Western Company, and these rentals have been capitalized by the issue of leased lines rental trust bonds. The United States Rolling Stock Company, purporting to be organized under the "manufacturing" Act of New-York, is also a parasite upon the Atlantic and Great Western Company, having leased to it certain rolling stock at a rental of about twenty per cent., which rolling stock was "purchased," not "manufactured," by the Rolling Stock Company, as required by the Act. Bischoffsheim & Goldschmidt received £1,000,000 sterling for the shares of the Rolling Stock Company, yet they have credited its share capital with only $5,000,000 in currency, whereas, at the current rate of exchange the amount ought to have been $5,500,000; the Bischoffsheim party therefore make $500,000 by the operation, though the English shareholders were told and believed that they were getting their shares at par.

I also inclose to you a letter from Mr. Watson, dated Aug. 7, 1872, within a month of his accession to office. The letter was evidently jockied out of him, for he, by the time, must see that the Erie Road, which was constructed for a North-western traffic, cannot, except at a loss, conduct a South-western traffic; that the Atlantic and Great Western traffic, other than that which originates in the State of New-York, is of no use whatever to the Erie line. The letter, however, serves to show the hands and plans of the Bischoffsheim party. Mr. Watson, at the time, having been a mere instrument in their hands.

Mr. Watson testified that there had been no proposition to lease the Atlantic and Great Western to the Erie. Certainly not. The idea has been just the opposite—to lease the Erie to Atlantic and Great Western, which is quite a different thing.

Great surprise is manifested here that Mr. William Butler Duncan should lend his name to these schemes, as he is the only one of the Bischoffsheim party that had a financial character to lose. Mr. Moran, who is mentioned above, is mixed up with these affairs in more ways than one, having, among other things, consented to the overissue of $900,000 Atlantic and Great Western Consolidated bonds, in 1866—bonds that were placed in his hands previous to redeem the pre-existing mortgage bonds.

The overissues has been covered up by the juggle of reorganization. Mr. Moran's conduct should be the subject of Congressional inquiry. In this country great respect is paid to official authority, and Mr. Moran has been "used" for years to puff these wild financial transactions. Mr. Sampson, the city editor of the *Times*, and several other city editors have made large fortunes by puffing them.

Mr. Richard Stanton Evans, who also gave his testimony on the 22d ultimo, said that he knew me. This is untrue, unless he means that "to not know me argued himself unknown." I have never had the honor or his acquaintance. He is not the man "of influence" he represented himself to be. His occupation is to "work the London Press" in favor of what the Bischoffsheim party—but it is not my loading the trash by the grossest misrepresentations upon the widow and orphan class. This is a strange way of "reviving American railway credit in England." Mr. Evans does not seem to regard intrinsic values; he only cares for Stock Exchange values, based upon or reason information promulgated by himself and others.

The President of the Erie Company ought by cable to notify the committee of the London Stock Exchange that Mr. Fred. W. Smith has no authority to sign, "London Secretary of the Erie Railway Company," and that his circular is unauthorized by the directors.

The Mr. William Grain, "Commissioner for New-York," named in Mr. Smith's circular, is a son-in-law of Mr. John Goddard, of the "white cravat." Messrs. Grain and Goddard have been connected with the Erie from the first. Grain from the outset, the former acting as its notary, the latter as its henchman. They both were of the party of so-called capitalists who visited Erie with Mr. Morton Peto in 1855. The object of the excursionists, whose trip cost £30,000, was not, as was supposed, to make investments in America, but to flourish a flaming report in England, so as to unload $30,000,000 additional "rubbish" upon an innocent investing public. Without the aid of Mr. Goddard, the Messrs. Kennard, and numerous other Englishmen of high standing, and the Finance Companies, established under the act of 1862, none of the securities could have been disposed of in Europe. The officers of the Finance Companies received large presents for advancing acceptances and money upon them; they even advanced millions upon the worthless shares and upon the bonds and shares of the Buffalo Branch line, not yet constructed. This was the cause of the failure of the Finance Companies in 1866; indeed, in a great degree, the cause of the panic of that year. With my knowledge of the Federal Constitution and the acts of Congress in pursuance thereof, I am at a loss to perceive by what right a Governor of a State can appoint a commissioner resident abroad. It is in direct conflict with the consular service. Mr. Grain's case is the only one, I think, and he is "Commissioner" for a number of the States. Nor can I see how he can hold office here, for even consuls have to be recognized by her Majesty before they can lawfully transact business. Gov. Dix should look into this matter, and also inquire as to whether Mr. Grain did not certify by advertisement that certain bonds were canceled "in his presence," when they were still in existence. Whatever Mr. Moran cannot do in the West End and Mr. Nunn, the Vice Consul, an Englishman with a lucrative office, cannot do in the East End. Mr. Grain is called upon to do. The office of the United States Legation adjoins that of the Atlantic and Great Western. Our people will be surprised to learn of this "official ring."

A few words with reference to myself. I never had anything whatever to do with the Atlantic and Great Western until after its failure, once and not even then until after my return and name-sake, at a public meeting of its creditors, "most emphatically and unquestionably surrendered all the power he then had, or ever would have," over the affairs of the company. Then it was that several classes of creditors, represented by committees, placed their interests in my charge. But with money furnished by Messrs. Bischoffsheim & Goldschmidt the committees were "disposed of by purchase or otherwise," and the real owners of the property, the widow and orphan class, were thereby misled. There are very few Englishmen who refuse bribes. The creditors who are scattered throughout the Kingdom know little or nothing of what is going on. The British Press has been muzzled.

Yours obediently,

GEORGE McHENRY.

LONDON, May 10, 1873.

FORM OF PROXY.

THE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY,
OFFICES, No. 30 GRESHAM HOUSE,
OLD BROAD-STREET, E. C., LONDON, April 25, 1873.

DEAR SIR: I inclose for the favor of your signature a form of proxy in support of Mr. Watson and his colleagues, at the next annual election of directors of the Erie Railway Company.

Under President Watson the resources of your property have been largely developed, and for the first time during eight years a dividend has been earned and declared upon the common stock of the company, and a steady increase in the value appears under the existing management to be fully assured.

Your signature must be attested by Mr. William Grain, No. 31 Threadneedle-street, E. C., Commissioner for the State of New-York, resident in London, or by one of the United States consular authorities, a list of whose names and residences I inclose.

If the shares of the Erie Railway Company held by you are not already registered in your name, the registration will be effected, free of charge, by your sending the shares to this office forthwith.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

FRED. W. SMITH,
London Secretary Erie Railway Company.

N. B.—This Proxy must be acknowledged before the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor of London, or His Excellency the United States Minister, or an American Consul, Vice or Deputy Consular or Commercial Agent, or a New-York Commissioner.

Know all Men by these Presents, that, Stockholder in the ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint PETER H. WATSON and SAMUEL L. M. BARLOW jointly and severally ——— Attorneys and Agents for ——— and in ——— name, place, and stead, to vote as ——— Proxy at the next and at any other Election of Directors of the ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY, and for Inspectors of Election, and at any Meeting of the Stockholders of said Company, according to the number of Votes and upon the Shares of Stock ——— should be entitled to vote if then personally present as fully and in all matters as perfectly as ——— could act if present, giving to ——— said Agents and Attorneys, and to each of them severally, full power of substitution and revocation, and hereby ratifying and confirming all that ——— said Attorneys or either of them may lawfully do in the premises.

Witness ——— hand this ——— day of ———187

Witness

UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

(a) ———of———

BE IT KNOWN THAT on this ——— day of ———187 personally appeared before me (b)———, at (c)———, the above named (c)———, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing proxy, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal this ——— day of ———187

(a) Insert city or town where taken.
(b) Name and style of officer.
(c) Name of shareholder.

GENERAL NOTES.

Speaker Blaine will assist in the Ohio Republican canvass.

Isaac Rice has been Postmaster of Hennicker, N. H., ever since 1809.

All the Illinois politicians are writing letters on the transportation question.

A paper is to be started in Japan to reflect the views of Americans in that land.

A bust of Fred. Douglass, by Mundy, is to be placed in the new City Hall in Rochester.

St. Louis is to have a new paper, to be called the *Trioune*, and to start with a capital of $100,000.

Some modest man, who conceals his name, has liberally endowed Hillsdale College, in Michigan.

One of Barnum's boa constrictors, imported last year from Africa at vast expense, died in Boston on Thursday last.

Gov. Kellogg says the Louisiana climate is the only one in which he can preserve good health, and that he intends to stay.

Mr. A. M. Thomson, the editor of the Milwaukee (Wis.) *Sentanel*, is credited with an intention to publish a volume of poems.

Some wealthy men in Massachusetts are attempting to organize a society having for its object the repeal of the Prohibitory Liquor law.

A Delaware peach-grower has contracted with a canning company for all his peaches from a large orchard for ten years at fifty cents a basket.

Gordon S. Hubbard, the last survivor of the little band who first settled Chicago, has been dangerously injured by a fall from his horse.

Chicago invites to its June Jubilee President Grant and his Cabinet, and the Governor General, Lieutenant Governors, and Ministers of Canada.

The Union College Alumni Association, of Chicago, had their fifth annual dinner on Wednesday evening last. Hon. W. H. King was re-elected President.

Montreal friends of the late Hon. John Sandfield McDonald will place a $2,000 monument over his grave in the churchyard of St. Andrew's, near Cornwall.

A little girl in Norwich, Conn., returned a pocket-book containing considerable money, which she had found, and was rewarded with a two-cent postage-stamp, imperfectly gummed.

A citizen of Bangor, Maine, promises to pay the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals $1,000 if it will secure the passage of a State law prohibiting the use of the check-rein on horses.

A sprightly girl in Fort Edward, Washington County, who engaged herself to a young man "in fun," fainted on learning that he had procured the publication of the fact in the local newspaper.

The Boston *News* tells the temperance men of Massachusetts that they may as well prepare for the hardest fight during the next six months the old commonwealth has ever witnessed on any moral issue.

An Iowa book-seller, who advertised a work bound in sheep, received a letter from Kossuth County, that State, asking for further particulars respecting the sheep he advertised to send by mail, and containing an ink sketch of the style of sheep the writer desired.

A Nevada man writes to a Boston paper that they have eight males to one female in that State, and that if the "superfluous women," the anxious and aimless ones, of Massachusetts are possessed of the requisite qualities for good housekeepers, and will go out there, they will never be allowed to return unmarried.

A German constable attempted to serve a writ written in English, which he could not read, in Wisconsin the other day, and was, after his repulse, arrested and fined to the amount of $20 for assault. He paid up, and said that he had had enough of that kind of foolishness, and "wouldn't play constable any more."

Important Witnesses in the Tichborne Case.

The London *Echo* of May 15 says: "Several months since a commission was dispatched to South America for the purpose of finding out, if possible, the original Tomas Castro and some other witnesses more or less connected with the stay of the claimant in Peru or Chili. Some time since it was known that one of the gentlemen sent out had been successful in tracing two very important witnesses—one the veritable Tomas Castro, with whom the claimant alleges he stayed for some time in South America, and the other an elderly lady, named Mrs. Hayley, with whom Sir Roger Tichborne lodged when he was in Valparaiso. The Pacific Steam Navigation Company's Royal Mail steam-ship Sorata, Capt. S. S. Holloway, which arrived in the Mersey on Tuesday night, had on board Mrs. Hayley, Tomas Castro, and M. Santander, who during the voyage had charge of Mrs. Hayley and Castro, and prevented them, as far as he possibly could from alluding to the object of their visit to England, although it was perfectly well known on board that they were two important witnesses in the present Tichborne trial. For the last few days the arrival of the Sorata has been anxiously looked for at Liverpool by two gentlemen from London, whose movements were of a very mysterious character. The Sorata arrived in the river shortly before midnight on Tuesday, but some of the passengers, including Mrs. Hayley, Castro, and M. Santander, slept on board all night. At 7 o'clock yesterday morning, M. Santander, Mrs. Hayley, and Castro were brought on shore privately, and at once taken to the North-western Hotel, where apartments had been previously engaged. After a few hours' delay the party left for London by the midday train."

SERRANO'S FLIGHT.

A Spanish Gentleman's Escape from his Country—Past and Present.

Madrid (May 9) Correspondence of the London Times.

A day or two after the flight of Queen Isabella from Spain in September, 1868, Madrid put on its gala attire to welcome the victor of Alcolea, who, at the head of the Revolutionary army, had defeated the Royal troops under the Marquis of Novaliches, on the 28th of that month. Gay, indeed, was the city. Every balcony was covered with festive drapery and filled with excited occupants. Triumphal arches were erected here, there, and everywhere; the streets were filled with troops and people, whose shouts of welcome rent the air as the idol of the moment, in his rich uniform as Captain-General, surrounded by a brilliant and very numerous staff, rode on a gaily-caparisoned horse from the railway station through the capital. Above the music of the many military bands rang out the cheers of the populace, and "Vivs Serrano!" was on every lip. Similar ovations were given to Prim and Topete on the days of there arrival. I remember well those eventful days. In grandeur and unanimity they exceeded any of the many "Diadiyars" we have had since. But alas for the fleeting nature of popularity in Spain! Two years later Prim was shot by an assassin on the eve of the entry of the Monarch whom he placed upon the throne. Two years more, and the Monarch, finding his crown to be of thorns, laid it down, and returned to his own country "a sadder but a wiser man." Two months more Serrano, after hiding for many days from the popular fury, has sought safety in a precipitate flight to a foreign land. After occupying the most exalted post in the Provisional Government of 1868, viz., its Presidency—then the Presidency of the Executive power, then the Regency of the Kingdom, descending from that to be the first Premier of the new King, and the Generalissimo of the national forces sent to the north on the outbreak of the Carlist insurrection last year—in fact receiving from the revolution and the Monarchy all the honors which it was possible to heap upon a subject, the Duke de la Torre, fearful of attack from the mob, has had to escape from Madrid in a disguise so perfect that the keenest Bow-street officer not in the secret would have failed to detect him. Happily, he has now reached his wife and children at Biarritz, and for some time at least will cease to occupy any place on the dangerous chess-board of Spanish politics.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

This is no place to indulge in comment on this deplorable change of fortune, nor to inquire how far the Duke has contributed to it by his cruel desertion of King Amadeus, and his blind adhesion to his party. Serrano did but follow the policy which all his predecessors and contemporaries had followed from time immemorial. What a strong monarchy might that of Don Amadeus have been by this time if all the men who signed the invitation to him had laid aside their absurd devotion to "party" in the honest determination to hold up the dynasty between them! Their old habits, however, could not be shaken off, and so they ruined themselves and the Monarchy they had set up. In the present flight of the Duke de la Torre there is nothing of a new or novel nature. In other countries it would be called romantic. Here it is not even sensational, but quite an ordinary and customary thing. In Spain the political wheel of fortune has five spokes—conspiracy, triumph, popularity, decadence, exile. Each in its turn comes uppermost. Without a solitary exception, every one of her prominent men has gone through all these phases. Espartero, victor in the Seven Years' war, conspired against the regency of Queen-Christina, succeeded, wore the honors himself, and finally had to seek shelter and safety in an English frigate. Prim, Serrano, Sagasta, Cabalero de Rodas, Milano del Bosch, Pierral, Contreras, Dulce, Lersundi, Figuerola, Pi Margall, Garrido, Sorni, Olozaga, Becerra, Madoz, Figuerola, *cum multis aliis*, all ate what the Spaniards call the *pan negro de emigracion* (black bread of exile) under the régime of the Bourbons, until the throne they undermined fell to pieces, and the Bourbons in their turn became exiles. From that point of view a much brighter era would dawn, and that no Spaniard in the future would have to wander by the banks of strange waters and weep at the remembrance of his dearly-loved but distant country. Quickly, however, was the hope of expelled. The unpopular Republican and Carlist insurrections prior to the advent of the King made many exiles, but general amnesties ultimately restored them to their country. During the reign of Amadeus there sprang up the Carlist insurrection and the small Republican one of Ferrol and Desgolpaferro, both happily soon suppressed. Consequently, there were on a comparatively small scale. It seems that even now, when the Republic has become the dominant power, the old evil still clings, like the bull-fight, to the national custom. To-day Serrano, Topete, Martos, Zobaga-ray, Figuerola, Becerra, Madoz, Rivero, Beranger, Izquierdo, and others of the late ambassadors of Spain, are refugees in foreign lands, chiefly France and Portugal. Even Zorilla has thought it advisable to quit his hermitage at Tabiada and once more seek shelter in Portugal. I was going to call these voluntary exiles, but I must refer to it though its juridical sentence had driven them from their country, one can hardly say exile is voluntary when it is undertaken as a precaution against popular fury—against what I heard as stirred ta gumulia a day or two ago call "the justice of the people." It may be questioned whether the necessity for these gentlemen to emigrate does not, possibly a month's careful hiding in Madrid would have rendered it quite unnecessary. Equally possible is it that the same mob from whose vengeance they have escaped may before long receive them back with hosannas. But, at present, in the case of many of their friends, and of those who, though by no means their friends would be loth to see them injured, they have done right in absenting themselves. From the Government downward the desire was very general to aid and abet their escape. Friendly doors were open to receive them, and coverts to lie in when prudence pointed to their own homes as dangerous places. Friendly voices cheered their solitude and calmed their fears; friendly hands prepared and adjusted their disguise; friendly feet arranged their departure, and, in some cases, for better security, in the case of the Duke de la Torre, accompanied them on their journey from Madrid.

SERRANO'S DEPARTURE.

After being hunted from house to house by the infuriated and lawless crowd, his own dwelling, those of his relatives and more immediate friends being subjected to a rigorous search over and over again repeated, the Duke sought shelter under the flag which has never yet refused to protect the weak against the strong. He besought asylum at the hands of the British Minister, Mr. Layard. He came not as a fugitive from justice. No warrant was out against him. He was no forger or murderer. No tribunal had passed sentence upon him. Yet his life was in grave peril—peril, not from ordinary process of law, but from the extraordinary mood, for the moment irrepressible, of popular fury. He knocked at England's door. Could England refuse to open and admit him? Red tape might say "Yes," but humanity and English spirit, as represented in Mr. Layard, said "No," and so the doors of the British Legation in the Calle de Floria were opened to receive the ex-Regent and once popular idol, as were the doors of the American and other Legations to others of the fugitives. Fearful of the possibility of a fresh outbreak or renewal of the violence of the 23d and 24th of April, and, moreover, impelled by the supposed existence of a plot to assassinate him, the friends of the Duke urged his departure from the country. Even the Government joined in the urgency. But how to get him away was the difficulty. His handsome features and manly form were known to every man, woman, and child in the city. Madrid is not a town and the only way out of it is by rail. The railway stations (there are but two) were at one time taken possession of by armed volunteers, and every carriage searched for obnoxious persons. On the 24th even the locked wagons which convey merchandise under the seal of the Custom-house from country to another, and which merely pass through Madrid in transit, were broken open and searched. It was felt necessary that all the prominent ex-Monarchists who were seeking safety in flight should go disguised.

A SUCCESSFUL DISGUISE.

Serrano's disguise was so perfect that even those who had helped to get it up failed to recognize him after he had shaved off his handsome moustache, put on a pair of false whiskers, (Nature never gave him any,) and attired himself in an old mourning-suit of Mr. Layard's, including a felt hat, or wide-awake. In the preparation of his disguise he protested against the whiskers, and only yielded at the last moment. He, however, threw them off the moment he started from the station. I was there when he departed, and I must confess I did not know him, though he brushed past me to enter the carriage prepared for him. His appearance was that of an elderly English country gentleman, returning from a day's shooting. In the same train, but at the other end of it, went Martos, also in disguise, accompanied by a public functionary who shall be nameless. Serrano was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Layard, who did not leave him till they had seen him safe on board a steamer at Santander, bound for San Jean de Luz. As a measure of extra precaution in case of attack, the military authorities lent a company of soldiers, who filled two or three carriages in the centre of the train. At 6:30 P. M. on the night of Wednesday last the party started. A few miles out of Madrid the train came to a sudden stop, and for a moment great alarm existed until the cause was learned. It was a goods' train which had run off the line. After an interval of nearly two hours the journey was resumed. The stations of Escurial, Avila, Medina del Campo, and Valladolid were passed, and Venta de Banos reached. Here the Duke de la Torre and his English protectors changed lines for Santander. At one station some officious civil guards began searching the train, with what object did not appear, but it was possibly under the orders of some overzealous civil Governor, who thought to render the State a service by arresting any Madrid fugitives who might be in it, quite forgetful of the fact that this, so far from being author zed by the Government, would have embarrassed the Government very much. When these Civil Guards presented themselves at the door of the saloon carriage which the railway company had placed at the service of Mr. Layard, the latter stood in front of one door-way, and Mr. Layard of the other, as the same time declaring who they were. Protected like a talisman, and the Civil Guard, who, I must say, are ever noted in Spain for the good breeding they display in executing even the most disagreeable tasks intrusted to them, retired without entering the carriage. No further molestation occurred, and the party arrived at Santander six *minutes*, at 3:30 on Thursday afternoon. It had been rumored among the populace that the English Minister and his wife were expected to arrive, and hundreds of people resorted to the station to have a peep at them. The mob of the crowd at first was embarrassing, but with great presence of mind Mrs. Layard took the arm of the Duke, and in full belief that the latter was the *Ministro Ingles*, the crowd respectfully opened a way for them to the carriage of Mr. Saint Martin, the resident agent of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, who at that moment, in the absence of Mr. Marsh, was acting as deputy British Vice Consul. The party—i. e., Mrs. Layard, the Duke de la Torre, Mr. Layard, and M. Saint Martin—entered the carriage and drove along the quay to the house of the latter, situated at the extreme end. They attracted no attention from the public, who little dreamed that one of the occupants was the hero of Alcolea and ex-Regent, Marshal Serrano, bent on a clandestine escape from the country he had once governed. M. Saint Martin had chartered a small tug boat, the Hercules, and she lay at the wharf opposite his house. Serrano changed his attire, saying that though he had escaped from Madrid in disguise, he would not

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

As the Exchange, on Saturday, May 24, James M. Miller, under a Supreme Court foreclosure decree, G. H. Crawford, Esq., referee, sold a three-story brick house, with lots of 16t, 8x20.11, situate on West Twenty-first-street, south side, 100 feet west of Tenth-avenue, for $10,600. the purchaser being John McEwan. The lease is dated May 1, 1869, for twenty-one years, with renewal covenants; ground rent, $280 per annum. The property rents at the rate of $1,320 per annum. The property No. 220 Christie-street, noticed for sale by E. H. Ludlow & Co., under another legal order, did not take place, a new trial having been ordered in the foreclosure proceedings; the auction was, therefore, postponed, as announced, to Aug. 5.

LAST WEEK'S BUSINESS.

Business at the Exchange during the past week has been severe, the total sales of City real estate amounting to $979,200, as against the sum of $761,100, the figures for the week ending with Saturday, May 17. The market opened on Monday with a sale by E. H. Ludlow & Co., of eighty lots on Block 1, Bloomfield-street, 100 feet east of Madison-avenue, for $127,008, and was followed by the successful sale on Tuesday, conducted by Miller, Wilkins & Co., of 125 lots, owned by the Johnstone Real Estate Association, on Seventy-sixth and Tenth-avenues. One Hundred and Forty-seventh-street and One Hundred and Forty-ninth-street, for $441,-981 in the total, while this transaction was followed by Tuesday's sale, between Canal and Bayard streets, known as Nos. 22 and 24. On No. 22 is a six-story brick tenement on the front and a three-story brick factory building on the rear. On No. 24 is a three-story brick front, building, covering the entire lot. Lots each about 22 by 100.3. Also, the six-story brick building and lot situate on the westerly side of Peck-slip, between Park Row and Spruce-street, known as No. 10; lot 21 by about 58 feet. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Henry Nicoll, Esq., referee, of the two four-story brick tenement houses and lots situate on the northerly side of East Thirty-sixth-street, commencing 125 feet west of Second-avenue; lots each about 20 by 98 feet 11 inches.

Any Wednesday, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Francis N. Bangs, Esq., referee, of a house and lot on Lexington-avenue, east side, 68.5 feet north of Fifty-eighth-street, lot 17.9 by 85. Also, adjourned similar sale, Geo. L. Ingraham, Esq., referee, of a house and lot on Forsyth-street, north-east corner of Rivington-street, lot 25.5 by 100.

By Joseph McGuire, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. H. Kitchen, Esq., referee, of the three-story brick house and lot No. 27 Sullivan-street, east side, 40 feet north of Grand-street, lot 20 by 54, with right of alley-ways on north side and in rear.

By Hugh N. Camp, at the Exchange, adjourned foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, R. M. Harrison, Esq., referee, of a four-story stone front house and lot on Lexington-avenue, west side, 48 feet north of Fiftieth-street, lot 20 by 80.

By James M. Miller, at the Exchange, adjourned Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. C. Benedict, referee, of a house and lot on Avenue B, south-east corner of Twelfth-street, lot 23.3 by 87.5.

By J. Cole, at the Commercial Exchange, No. 369 Fulton-street, Brooklyn, sale by order of John L. Nostrand and the executors of the estate of Robert Adair, deceased, of 457 lots, 20 feet by 100, and situated as follows: Myrtle-avenue, ten lots, including three corner; Myrtle-avenue, one lot, 27 feet front, near Bridge-street; Bushwick-avenue Boulevard, thirty-one lots; Bushwick-avenue, ten lots, including seven corner; Evergreen-avenue, twelve lots, including two corners; Broadway, Bushwick-avenue, eight lots, including eight corners; Central-Avenue, deceased, seventeen lots, including seven corners; Granite-street, eighty-six lots near Broadway, Bushwick, and Evergreen avenues; Palmetto-street, twenty lots near Evergreen-avenue; Fairview-street, twenty lots near Evergreen-avenue; Furman-street, eighteen lots near Broadway; Moffat-street, seventeen lots near Stone-avenue; Decatur-street, seventeen lots near Broadway; Sumner-street, fifty-five lots, including corner of Stone-avenue; Marion-street, forty-one lots near Broadway.

By C. H. Pierson & Co., at Pearsall Station, Long Island, seventeen miles from New-York, by South-side Railroad, public auction sale of 300 choice villa plots, adjacent to depot and well adapted for immediate improvement. Also, a cottage house, with one acre of land, situate in the village; special train will carry free, fare of Roosevelt and Grand streets, at 10:30 A. M., leaving South Eighth-street, Williamsburg, at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, May 29.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., at the Exchange, public auction sale of the very desirable City property known as Lots 1 and 2 on Block 778, fronting 72 Sixth-avenue, west side, between Forth-first and Forty-second streets, opposite Reservoir-square, embracing a plot of ground 50 by 100, two large brick buildings nearly covering same thereon, contained two stores on the ground floor, with hall above, too well known to need description. Also, executors' sale, by order of the executors of the estate of Robert H. Pierson, deceased, of the five-story and basement marble-front store building, with lease of lot, No. 45 Warren-street, south side, 145 feet west of Church-street; lot 25 feet deep, with a three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house and lot, situate on Prospect place, east side, between First and Second avenues, 50.5 feet south of Forty-third street; lot 16.8 by 98; house 40 feet deep.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Luke A. Lockwood, Esq., referee, of ten lots on West Sixty-second-street, beginning at the north-east corner of Tenth-avenue, in size each 20 by 100.5.

By Hugh N. Camp at the Exchange foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, James A. Quintard, referee, of a house and lot on West Twenty-seventh-street, south side, 283.4 feet west of Sixth-avenue; lot 16.8 by 98.9.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co.; at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. H. Hart, Esq., referee of a plot of land, with feet front by an average depth of 100 feet, situate on the King's Bridge Road, north-east corner of One Hundred and Eighty second-street.

By Wm. Kennedy, at the Exchange, Sheriff's sale of three houses and lots on East Eighty-fifth-street, north side, 38.1 feet east of Lexington-avenue. Lots together form plot 49.8 by 82. Also, public auction sale of the two-story-and-basement Philadelphia brick house and lot, No. 350 Clinton-street, Brooklyn, between Nelson and Laqueer streets, lot 20 by 100; house, 40 feet deep.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., at Irvington, N. J., on the premises, at 11 o'clock, executor's sale, by order of the executrix of the estate of Chas. Bassini, deceased, of a building-lot, located on Montgomery-avenue, Alpine, Vanderpool, Twenty-first, and Twenty-second-streets, the whole forming one of the most valuable tracts of land in the vicinity of Newark. Special train via Chambers and Twenty-third-streets, at 9:30 A. M., leaving South Eighth-street, Williamsburg, at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, May 29.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., at the Exchange, public auction sale of the very desirable City property known as Lots 1 and 2 on Block 778, fronting 72 Sixth-avenue, west side, between Forth-first and Forty-second streets, opposite Reservoir-square, embracing a plot of ground 50 by 100, two large brick buildings nearly covering same thereon, contained two stores on the ground floor, with hall above, too well known to need description. Also, executors' sale, by order of the executors of the estate of Robert H. Pierson, deceased, of the five-story and basement marble-front store building, with lease of lot, No. 45 Warren-street, south side, 145 feet west of Church-street; lot 25 feet deep, with a three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house and lot, situate on Prospect place, east side, between First and Second avenues, 50.5 feet south of Forty-third street; lot 16.8 by 98; house 40 feet deep.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Luke A. Lockwood, Esq., referee, of ten lots on West Sixty-second-street, beginning at the north-east corner of Tenth-avenue, in size each 20 by 100.5.

By Hugh N. Camp at the Exchange foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, James A. Quintard, referee, of a house and lot on West Twenty-seventh-street, south side, 283.4 feet west of Sixth-avenue; lot 16.8 by 98.9.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co.; at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. H. Hart, Esq., referee of a plot of land, with feet front by an average depth of 100 feet, situate on the King's Bridge Road, north-east corner of One Hundred and Eighty second-street.

By Wm. Kennedy, at the Exchange, Sheriff's sale of three houses and lots on East Eighty-fifth-street, north side, 38.1 feet east of Lexington-avenue. Lots together form plot 49.8 by 82. Also, public auction sale of the two-story-and-basement Philadelphia brick house and lot, No. 350 Clinton-street, Brooklyn, between Nelson and Laqueer streets, lot 20 by 100; house, 40 feet deep.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., at Irvington, N. J., on the premises, at 11 o'clock, executor's sale, by order of the executrix of the estate of Chas. Bassini, deceased, of a building-lot, located on Montgomery-avenue, Alpine, Vanderpool, Twenty-first, and Twenty-second-streets, the whole forming one of the most valuable tracts of land in the vicinity of Newark. Special train via Chambers and Twenty-third-streets, at 9:30 A. M., leaving South Eighth-street, Williamsburg, at 11 o'clock.

To-day, (Monday,) May 26.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Geo. F. Smith, Esq., referee, of property on the south side of Forty-second-street, between White and Walker streets, lot 21.3 by 75.

By James M. Miller, at the Exchange, adjourned Supreme Court foreclosure sale, H. C. Bosmian, Esq., referee, of property on lot No. 27 Norfolk-street, lot 25 by 100.

By Jere. Johnson, Jr., at Astoria, Long Island City, on the property, at 3:30 o'clock, public auction sale, by order of Mrs. Charlotte Bergen, 10 choice and desirable building lots, all centrally located, near steam-boat landings, situated respectively on ensworth-terrace, the crescent, Jamaica, Van Alst, Bowery, Jackson, Hancock, Broadway, Fourth, Academy, Lockwood, Temple, Elm, Lincoln, and Cornelia streets; also, fourteen lots and plots owned by Alexander H. Stevens surrounding the above, being part of the estate of Mrs. Bergen, consisting of property ever offered for sale in this vicinity. Terms liberal. Excursion steam-boats from Peck-slip at 1 o'clock. Free tickets at auctioneer's office, 346 Broadway, New-York. The above sale is one thousand from Monday of last week, on which day about one-half of the property advertised was sold, or 76 plots at an average of nearly $1,000 each.

By C. H. Pierson & Co., at Newark, N. J., on the premises at 3:30 o'clock, adjourned public auction sale, by order of Messrs. Bassett, Edwards, & Chedister, of 34 desirable building-lots, comprising the entire block on the north-west corner of Fifteenth-avenue and Avenue A, Elmora, Avenue Earle streets; also, a house and lot known as No. 77 Wright-street.

To-morrow, (Tuesday,) May 27.

By Muller, Wilkins & Co., at the Exchange, public auction sale of five superb building lots, situated on Fifth-avenue, south-east corner of Seventy-seventh-street, with feet front on Fifth-avenue, a depth of 102.2 by 182, four of the lots fronting on the avenue, and one on the street-named, to be sold separately. This plot is, from its location, for its use, one of the most valuable unoccupied plots of ground for building purposes, one of the choicest—certainly the best on Fifth-avenue—now in the market.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., at the Exchange, peremptory sale, by order of Messrs. Lord & Lockwood, Esqs., referee, of the following improved City property: The five-story and basement brick building with two stores and flat, No. 125 East Houston-street, on plot 25 feet 3 inches front, by 90 feet 7½ deep. The building 23 feet deep. The two-story and basement brick house and lot No. 104 Seventh-street, south side, 20.11 feet west of First-avenue; lot 23 by 90.11. Also, the two-story brick building and lot No. 109 West Fifty-ninth-street, fronting Central Park, between Seventh-avenue and Broadway, sold for $120,000.

By Dyer & Quinlan, six lots, Sixteenth-avenue, west side, between One Hundred and Sixty-seventh and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth streets, all inside lots, sold for $31,000.

THIS WEEK'S PROPOSED BUSINESS.

The auctions announced for the present week are as follows, and special attention is called to the list, as many of the proposed sales are of real importance

SHIPPING.

NATIONAL LINE

OF STEAM-SHIPS.

WEEKLY TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

FORTNIGHTLY TO LONDON DIRECT.

From Pier Nos. 41 and 42 North River.

TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

SPAIN, GRACE.....Saturday, May 24, at 2 P. M.
FRANCE, Greco.....Wednesday, May 28, at 9 P. M.
ITALY, THOMSON.....Saturday, May 31, at 9½ A. M.
GREECE, THOMAS.....Saturday, June 7, at 1 P. M.
EGYPT, GRODAN.....Saturday, June 14, at 8 A. M.
CANADA, WEBSTER.....Saturday, June 21, at 1 P. M.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

HOLLAND, BRAGG.....Tuesday, June 3, at 10 A. M.

These steam-ships are

THE LARGEST IN THE TRADE.

Cabin passage.....$80, $90, $100, currency
Returns.....$160 and $180, currency
Steerage.....$30, currency

Steerage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates.

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CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

ANCHOR LINE.

Steamers sail from Pier 20 North River, New-York,

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.

Tuscania....Wed., May 28 | Australia....Sat., June 14
California....Sat., May 31 | Columbia....Wed., June 18
Caledonia....Wed., June 4 | Victoria....Sat., June 21
India....Sat., June 7 | Assyrian....Wed., June 25
Olympia....Wed., June 11 | Anglia....Sat., June 28

The passenger accommodations on steamers of this line are unsurpassed for elegance and comfort. Cabin state-rooms are all on upper deck, thus securing good light and ventilation.

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GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, OR LONDONDERRY.

Sat. Steamers. Wed. Steamers.
Gold. Currency.
Cabins.....$75 and $85 | $75 and $85
Cabin return tickets, securing best accommodations.....$130 | $130
STEERAGE, $30, CURRENCY.

Tickets for passage to or from any seaport or railway station in Great Britain, Ireland, or the Continent issued at lowest rates.

Drafts for any amount at current rates.

Company's Offices, No. 7 Bowling-green, New-York.

HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

N. B.—CALIFORNIA sails 10 A. M. May 31.

INMAN LINE FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF LIMERICK.....Thursday, May 29, 8 A. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, May 31, 8 A. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Thursday, June 5, 1 P. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, June 7, 2 P. M.
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....Thursday, June 12, 7 A. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, June 14, 8 A. M.

and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

CABIN, $85 and $100, gold, according to accommodations. Round trip tickets at low rates.

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For Cabin Passage and general business apply at the Company's office, No. 15 Broadway.

For Steerage Passage, at No. 33 Broadway.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

OR TO

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J. C. BROWN, No. 88 South Market-st., Chicago.

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GREAT WESTERN STEAM-SHIP LINE.

NEW-YORK TO BRISTOL. (Ens.)—DIRECT.

Taking goods and passengers for London, Cardiff, Paris, Hamburg, and all ports in Bristol Channel.

THE STEAMERS OF THIS LINE WILL SAIL FROM PIER NO. 18 EAST RIVER, as follows:

LAPLAND.....Saturday, May 31
LADY LYCETT.....Wednesday, June 18
ABRAGON.....Wednesday, July 9
GREAT WESTERN.....Wednesday, July 23

New steamer now building.

Cabin passage, $70 currency. Steerage, $30 currency.

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E. MOSLEY & SONS,
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ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:

VILLE DE PARIS.....Saturday, May 31
VILLE DU HAVRE...SUMONT...Saturday, June 14
LAFAYETTE.....DUMONT...Saturday, June 28
ST. LAURENT.....LEMAIRE...Saturday, July 12

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD (including wine) TO HAVRE OR BREST.

First cabin.....$125 | Second cabin.....$75

Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

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American citizens going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble, and expense.

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VIA QUEENSTOWN,

CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steamships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY,

as follows:

IDAHO, Capt. MORGAN.....May 28, at 3 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. FREEMAN.....June 4, at 12 M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. PRICE, Jr.....June 11, at 3 P. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. T. F. FREEMAN.....June 18, at 12 M.
NEVADA, Capt. FORSTH.....June 25, at 3 P. M.
MONTANA, Capt. .....July 2, at .....

Cabin passage, $80, gold.

Steerage passage, (Office No. 39 Broadway,) $30, currency.

For freight or cabin passage apply to

WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 63 Wall-st.

SAMANA.

FOR PUERTA PLATA, SAMANA, AND SAN DOMINGO CITY.

The United States mail steam-ship RAPIDAN, Capt. CARPENTER, will leave on WEDNESDAY, May 28, at 2 P. M. Bills of exchange on Puerta Plata, Samana, and San Domingo City, in sums to suit purchasers, for sale. For freight or passage, apply to

SPOFFORD BROTHERS & CO., No. 39 Broadway.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships will sail every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13, North River, (foot of Cedar-st.,) for Havana direct, as follows:

Steam-ship COLUMBIA, TUESDAY, May 27.
Steam-ship WILMINGTON, TUESDAY, June 3.
Steam-ship MORRO CASTLE, TUESDAY, June 10.

Supplementary mail on Pier 24, P. M. day of sailing.

For freight or passage (having magnificent accommodations) apply to WM. P. CLYDE & CO.,
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D. McKELLAR, Agent in Havana.
March 31, 1873.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

RATES OF FREIGHT REDUCED.

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REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 26th of every month.

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BRISTOL, LONDON,

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Will sail from Pennsylvania Railroad Wharf, Jersey City:

PEMBROKE.....May 28
GLAMORGAN.....June 18
PEMBROKE.....July 9
GLAMORGAN.....July 30

Carrying goods and passengers at through rates from all parts of the United States and Canada to ports in the Bristol Channel, and all other points in England.

These steam-ships, built expressly for the trade, are provided with all the latest improvements for the comfort and convenience of

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Prepaid steerage certificates from Cardiff.....$32.

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No. 17 Broadway.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY'S LINE TO

CALIFORNIA, JAPAN AND CHINA,

VIA PANAMA,

CARRYING MAILS, PASSENGERS, AND FREIGHT TO

ASPINWALL, PANAMA, SANTA MARTHA, GREYTOWN, AND PACIFIC COAST OF MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, PERU, AND CHILI.

May 31.—Steamer HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. A. G. GRAY will leave Pier No. 42 North River at 12 o'clock noon, for Aspinwall, direct, connecting at Panama with the steamer ARIZONA, Capt. AUSTIN, for San Francisco, and calling at Acapulco and San Diego, and also connecting for all Central America and South Pacific ports. Departures of 10th and 25th each month from New-York connect with the Company's steamer touching at San Benito, Tonata, Salina Cruz, and Port Angel. The splendid steam-ship GOLDEN CITY will leave San Francisco, for China, on or about June 24, for Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.

One of the company's splendid steamers will leave San Francisco May 31, 1873, for Japan and China. For rates of passage, freight, and all further information apply at Company's office on the pier, foot of Canal-st.

P. B. BABY, Agent.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The steam-ship HENRY CHAUNCEY will leave Pier No. 42 North River, at 12 o'clock noon, SATURDAY, May 31, 1873, for Aspinwall.

F. R. BABY, Agent.

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For Hayti and Venezuela.
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MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
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GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MALLORY, THURSDAY, May 29, from Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 P. M.

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

MONTGOMERY, Capt. FAIRCLOTH, SATURDAY, May 31, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.

R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 93 West-st.

SAN JACINTO, Capt. HAZARD, SATURDAY, May 31, from Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 P. M.

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FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
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SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

Sailing every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 29, North River.

SOUTH CAROLINA, Capt. BECKETT, Wednesday, May 28.

CHAMPION, Capt. B. W. LOCKWOOD, Saturday, May 31.

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CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana only).....May 29
CITY OF MERIDA, (Havana only).....June 5
CLEOPATRA, (Havana and Mexico).....June 12
CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana only,).....June 19

For freight or passage apply to

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CABIN PASSENGERS FOR STEAM-SHIP Pembroke to Cardiff on 28th inst., will be conveyed on board by the tug steamer leaving barge office, Whitehall, near South Ferry, at 2 P. M., of that day. A few eligible berths by above steam-ship still disengaged. Apply to ARCHIBALD BAXTER & Co., Agents, No. 17 Broadway.

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A. P. BACON, Superintendent.

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Freight taken for all points in the Valley, Connecticut, Western, and Fishkill Railroads, and forwarded promptly.

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JOSEPH CORNELL, Superintendent.

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LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Friday, 23d.... 8:00 P.M.	Friday, 23d.... 6:30 A.M.
Saturday, 24th.. 3:00 P.M.	Saturday, 24th.. 7:00 A.M.
Monday, 26th.... 3:00 P.M.	Monday, 26th.... 7:00 A.M.
Tuesday, 27th.. 3:00 P.M.	Tuesday, 27th.. 7:00 A.M.
Wednesday, 28th 3:00 P.M.	Wednesday, 28th 7:00 A.M.
Thursday, 29th.. 3:30 P.M.	Thursday, 29th.. 7:00 A.M.
Saturday, 31st...12:00 M.	Friday, 30th.....10:00 A.M.

PONDPOT AND KINGSTON—LANDing at Cozzens', Cornwall, Newburg, Marlborough, Milton, Poughkeepsie, and Esopus. The steam-boats THOMAS CORNELL and JAMES W. RALDWIN leave Harrison-st., Pier No. 24 North River, daily, at 4 o'clock P. M.

FOR NORWALK AND DANBURY.—THE new steamer AMERICUS leaves daily foot of Market-st. at 3:15, and 33d-st. at 3:30 P. M., connecting with the Danbury Railroad.

FOR STAMFORD AND GREENWICH.—The steam-boat NELLY WHITE leaves daily from Pier No. 37 East River, at 3:30, and foot of 33d-st. at 3:45 P. M. Leaves Stamford at 7 A. M.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS on Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon, and 12 night.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with road.

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COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION originated the anæsthetic use of nitrous oxide gas, administer it in the most approved manner, do nothing but extract teeth, and they certainly do that without pain, so 80,000 patients testify. See their signatures at the office, No. 19 Cooper Institute.

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Trains leave New-York, from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts., as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West, and South, with Pullman Palace Cars attached, 9:3 A. M., 5, 7, and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 5, 7, 8:30 P. M.

For Baltimore, Washington, and the South at 9 A. M., 1, 9 P. M. Sunday, 9 P. M.

Express for Philadelphia, 8, 9, 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 1, 4, 5, 6, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 6, 8:30, and 9 P. M.

For Philadelphia, via Kensington, at 7 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Emigrant and second class, 7:15 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 9, 10, 11, 11:30 A. M., 12, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:10, 5:30, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 9, 10, 11:30, 12 P. M. Sunday, 8:30, 9, 10 A. M., 12 M., 2:30, 4:30, 8:30, 9 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 8:10, 9, 10, 11, 11:40 A. M., 12 M., 12:30, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:20, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:30, 5:35, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30, 12 P. M. Sunday, 5:20, 6, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7, 8:10, 9:30, and 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:20, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 6 P. M.

For Woodbridge and Perth Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 3:40, 4:30, and 5:50 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 3, 4:10, 5:20, 6, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 8 and 9 P. M.

For East Millstone, 7 A. M., 12 M., 4:10 and 5:20 P. M.

For Lambertville and Flemington, 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 2 and 4 P. M.

Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3, 4, and 6 P. M.

For Freehold, 7, 8 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.

For Jamesburg, Pemberton, Camden, 6 A. M., and via boat from Pier No. 1, 3:40 P. M.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:50 A. M., 1:08 P. M., daily; 10:14 A. M. and 6:34 P. M., daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:40 A. M., 4:54, 10:12 P. M.; Sunday 6:40 A. M. From Philadelphia, 5:21, 6:50, 10:14, 11:04, 11:54 A. M., 2:14, 3:54, 6:30, 8:48 P. M.; Sunday, 5:21, 6:50, 11:04 A. M.

Ticket offices, Nos. 526, 435, 271, and 944 Broadway; No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts. Emigrant Ticket-office, No. 8 Battery-place.

A. J. CASSATT, General Manager.
D. M. BOYD, JR., Gen. Pass. Agent.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY—Allentown Line to the West.—Passenger stations, foot of Liberty-st., North River, and foot of Easter-st.—Winter Arrangement—Commencing Dec. 16, 1872, leave New-York as follows:

6 A. M.—Way-train for Somerville.

7 A. M.—Express, Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Mahanoy City, Mt. Carmel, Hazleton, Towanda, &c., with through car to Williamsport; connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9 A. M.—Morning Express, daily (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West; connects at Somerville for Flemington; for Easton for Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Towanda, Waverley, &c.

10:15 A. M.—Way-train for Somerville.

12 M.—Way-train for Somerville.

12:30 P. M.—For Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Colonel Wood, Harrisburg, and Chicago.

2:30 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, and Allentown.

3:15 P. M.—For Plainfield.

4 P. M.—For Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk; connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—For Somerville and Flemington.

5 P. M.—For Somerville, for Hartland's accommodation.

5:15 P. M.—For Plainfield.

5:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, and Chicago.

6 and 6:45 P. M.—For Somerville.

7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant)—For Easton.

9 and 11 P. M.—For Plainfield.

For Elizabeth at 6, 6:40, 7, 7:15, 7:45, 8, 8:45, 9, 9:30, 10:15, 11, 11:45 A. M.; 12 M., 12:50, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:15, 3:45, 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:20, 6:45, 7:15, 7:30, 8:10, 9, 10, 11, 12 P. M.

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9:30 A. M., Port Jefferson, Locust Valley, and Rockaway excursion trains.

12 M., Jamaica express train.

3 P. M., Rockaway express train.

3:30 P. M., Greenport, Sag Harbor, and Locust Valley express trains.

5 P. M., Port Jefferson, Locust Valley, and Rockaway express trains.

6 P. M., Greenport, Locust Valley, and Rockaway accommodation trains.

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9:30 A. M., Rockaway excursion train.

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7 P. M., Greenport and Rockaway trains.

7:30 P. M., Rockaway accommodation train.

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D. 1869, by the plaintiffs in said cause and filed in the proceedings of the suit aforesaid to secure by the terms of the same four thousand bonds of one thousand dollars each, of a uniform series, with coupons attached of forty dollars each, payable semi-annually on the first day of April and of October of each year, and upon which mortgage or deed there is due the sum of four million three hundred and twenty thousand dollars, as declared in the decree in said cause: The undersigned trustees, under the supervision and direction of the undersigned masters appointed in the decree, will, on Friday, the sixth day of June, 1873, in the City of New-Orleans, in front of the post-office of the said city, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M., proceed to sell the following property described in the said mortgage or deed in four separate parcels, as hereinafter described, at public auction for cash to the highest bidder: First, all that portion of the main line of the railroad of the said New-Orleans Mobile and Texas Railroad Company, located or to be located between the cities of New-Orleans and Mobile, and within the said cities and upon the lands, buildings, machinery, rolling stock, and other real and personal property, and the franchises, tolls, rights, and privileges pertaining and exclusively belonging separately used with the same and branches and to said portion of the main line of the said railroad, and roads connecting therewith, including all the depots, station-houses, engine-houses, car-houses, freight-houses, store-houses, wharves, warehouses, woodhouses, machine shops, repair shops, business offices, and other shops, offices and buildings now owned or possessed by said corporation, together with the superstructure and iron rails and its appurtenances, rolling stock, engines, cars, tenders, tools, machinery, steamboats, tugboats and their tackle, apparel and furniture, and other personal property and stock in connecting roads used as aforesaid, and the ferry rights across the Mississippi River. Second, all that portion of the road commencing at the point Westwego opposite to the city of New-Orleans, on the west bank of the Mississippi River, and extending along the track of road for a distance of seventy miles, with all the rights of the said corporation in the said portion of the main line; together with the lands, buildings, machinery, stock, and other real and personal property, and the franchises, tolls, rights, privileges pertaining and exclusively belonging to the said portion of the said road, and separately used with the same, and including depots, station-houses, engine-houses, car-houses, freight-houses, store-houses, wharves, warehouses, sheds, machine-shops, offices, and buildings, in connection with the said portion of road west of Mississippi River, together with the super-structure, iron rails, and appurtenances; also, the rolling stock, engines, cars, tenders, tools, steam-boats, machinery and other boats and vessels, and their tackle, apparel, and furniture, fuel, materials, and other personal property appertaining to and used with the constructing, repairing, or carrying on the business of this portion of the road separately and exclusively. Third all that portion of the main line of said road located or to be located from the point on the road seventy miles from Westwego, and extending westerly through the State of Louisiana to the Sabine River, with all the lands, buildings, depots of new superstructures, franchises, tolls, privileges, depots, stations, or other rights of way of the said corporation, or which may be held or conveyed by the said trustees or under this decree with the connecting roads, either located or surveyed, or to be located and surveyed, in the State of Louisiana, and which appertains to the said road or connecting roads or branch roads of that portion of the said road within the said State. Fourth, all of the road from the Sabine River to the City of Houston, in the State of Texas, with all the lands, right of way, superstructions, buildings, depots, stations, station-houses, shops, rolling stock, machinery, materials, appertaining or belonging to the line of road from the Sabine River aforesaid to the City of Houston, and exclusively belonging to the same, and any other real and personal property, franchises, rights of way, tolls, grants of privileges not herein described, and which are included in the said deed; and it is to be understood that the sale under this deed of trust, and the decree herein mentioned, is to be made and the deed of trust bearing date the 1st day of January, 1869, by the said corporation to Oakes Ames and Edwin D. Morgan, trustees, and which affects that portion of the said road and property before mentioned lying within the cities of New-Orleans and Mobile and between the said cities, and is not to impair in any manner the incumbrance aforesaid or the rights under the said deed, but to add to and increase the same, and to make the said deed of trust and deed of said parties being made to secure a uniform series of bonds of four thousand in number, and each for one thousand dollars, with interest, coupons attached of forty dollars each, payable semi-annually on the 1st of January and July of each year, and bearing even date with the mortgage, and which is referred to in the said mortgage or deed of trust to the plaintiff in this suit, and further understood that the property incuded in the second and third or other parcels above described, being the property lying westerly of the City of New-Orleans and the Mississippi River, in the States of Louisiana and Texas, shall be subject to the mortgages or deeds of trust executed by the said corporation under the power reserved in the deed of mortgage or trust described in the proceedings in this cause to issue bonds to an amount in the aggregate not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars per mile for each mile of line railroad or railroads constructed west of the Mississippi River, which power has been executed by the said corporation by the execution of a mortgage executed to Oakes Ames and Edwin D. Morgan, dated the 15th day of March, 1870, whereby an issue of bonds to the amount of twelve thousand five hundred dollars per mile was provided for upon all the tract of road in the State of Louisiana, and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for all of the track west of the Louisiana line and lying in the State of Texas, which mortgage was authorized by an act of mortgage dated 1st January, 1872, but does not increase the amount of the incumbrances; and also a further mortgage, bearing date 1st July, 1870, securing the payment of the second mortgage bonds guaranteed by the State of Louisiana, and which mortgage is an incumbrance on the railroad of said corporation to the west of the river Mississippi and extending to the Sabine River, and all other mortgages existing under said power. There will be prepared twenty days before the day of sale an inventory of the property to be sold in the different parcels, and copies of the mortgages will be in the hands of the Masters for exhibition to any person desiring to purchase. The power to the Trustees to sell is for the boundaries as fixed in the decree. The Trustees and the Masters will give information of the matter intrusted to them prior to the sale.

(Signed) HENRY J. GARDNER,
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THE MIDLAND RAILROAD.

Explanation of the Difficulties Besetting the Road.

The Wall and Broad-street investors in railroad securities have been considerably disturbed during the past week by the dubious announcements concerning the financial condition of the New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad. Not only were capitalists alarmed, but the great population along the line of the road, who have been anxiously waiting for it to be completed, and facilities afforded for direct transportation to and from New-York. The great midland counties of New-York have hitherto been almost destitute of railroad facilities, and while they are fertile and productive as any in the State, the great cost of finding a market has seriously interfered with the development of their resources.

It was hoped that the Midland Railroad, which was started under favorable auspices, would supply the pressing need felt of a direct line to the Metropolis, and enable the counties of Oswego, Oneida, Madison, Cayuga, Cortland, Chenango, Otsego, Delaware, Sullivan, Ulster, and Orange to send their various products in a few hours to a ready market. To this end the towns and cities along the route subscribed liberally for the capital stock of the company, giving their own bonds in return, with the provision that none of the stock should be sold in the market, except with the consent of a majority of the tax-payers, thus virtually giving the road whatever was subscribed. The amount thus raised was in the aggregate about $6,500,000, with which the company began to build the road.

The length of the entire line from New-York to Oswego, together with the branches, was intended to be about 400 miles. Of course the $6,500,000, with which the enterprise was started, would prove insufficient to build this amount of road, most of which with the station-houses, machine-shops, and engine-houses would cost $40,000 per mile. The company accordingly issued $8,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, dated 1st July, 1869, bearing seven per cent interest in gold.

In this way the road has been pushed forward until the only portion still unbuilt is that between the towns of Walton and Liberty, in Delaware and Sullivan counties. This stretch of road is about twenty miles long, but it is exactly at the centre of the line, and consequently through traffic from the West by the lakes and down by Oswego to New-York, is broken, and all such business has to be given over to the New-York Central at Oneida. Even freight picked up between Walton and Oswego for New-York, has to be given over to the Central, and thus crippled, the road has found it difficult to meet its obligations. The interest upon the bonds amounts to nearly $400,000 per annum, in addition to which there are various obligations upon which interest must be paid until the claims are liquidated.

The entire income of the railroad, including that of the leased line from the New-Jersey border to New-York, is about $150,000 per month. As a large part of this earning is used up in the running expenses, it is plain that the road cannot at present meet its interest except by the sale of bonds or by the aid of capitalists. The stringent money market for the past few months has prevented the negotiation of bonds, and capitalists would not come to the aid of a new enterprise when more favorable opportunities for the employment of ready money existed in Wall-street.

Although the interest was finally met upon the bonds, the contractors are anxious for further advances upon their work, and prompt and vigorous action on the part of the directors is needed to save the enterprise from legal difficulties. The conferences, as yet, have not resulted in anything more definite than the appointment of George Opdyke as President, but it is said that he has promised, if his wishes are regarded in placing several wealthy capitalists in the directory, not only to see that the additional road between Walton and Liberty is completed, but also that the western extension to Buffalo is built.

Should no settlement be arrived at, and the interest upon the bonds remain in default for a period of four months, the mortgage provides that the bonds shall become due and it empowers the trustees, in that event, to take possession of the road and all other property covered by the mortgage, and to use or sell the same for the benefit of the bondholders. As yet the interested parties have no fears that any such trouble will ensue. Another meeting is to be held to-day, at which it is expected that some definite course of action will be decided upon.

FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

Livery-Stable and Seventeen Horses Burned.

The three-story brick building, Nos. 22 and 24 Verandah-place, Brooklyn, occupied as a livery-stable by Patrick McIntyre, was partly destroyed by fire yesterday morning, seventeen horses being burned or suffocated to death, and eight carriages destroyed. The basement of the building was used as a stable, and five horses were stalled in it. The carriages were kept on the floor above, and twelve horses were stabled on the second floor; while the third floor was occupied by John Jackson, coachman of Mr. S. B. Vreeland, and Thomas Smith. At 5 A. M. the basement was noticed to be on fire, and an alarm was immediately sent out. The firemen were prompt in responding, but a crowd of citizens who had collected around the building before their arrival had already made an unsuccessful effort to release the horses. The fire had been burning several minutes before the two families on the top floor were aware of their danger, but by rushing through the smoke they reached the street in safety by the stairway. It was soon found impossible to rescue the horses or save any of the stock, and the efforts of the firemen were directed to the control of the fire. After an hour's hard work, the fire was extinguished. It was then found that the entire contents of the building had been destroyed, the walls, roof, and portions of the floors alone being left intact. In the basement, ankle deep in water, were the five horses lying dead and scorched in their stalls, the wood-work of which was charred. The coaches on the first floor were entirely destroyed, and the twelve horses on the second floor were found dead, a majority having evidently been suffocated before the flames reached them. Three of them had broken their halters, and were lying in the centre of the floor. The furniture on the upper floor was damaged chiefly by water. The losses were as follows: Patrick McIntyre, $13,200, viz.: $5,000 on buildings, $2,400 on eleven horses, $5,000 on five coaches, $500 on harness, $150 on sleigh, and $150 on feed. Those having horses on board at the stables lost all, as follows: John C. Beale, of No. 365 Henry-street, two horses, two carriages, and harness valued at $2,300; Samuel Phelps, of No. 255 Clinton-street, one horse, wagon, and harness, $500; Chas. Brice, of Second-place, one horse, wagon, harness, and sleigh, $1,500; Frank Conners, horse, wagon, and harness, $600; and Henry Meigs, of No. 31 Clinton-street, horse, wagon, and harness, $500. The upper floor was damaged $900, making the total loss $19,800. The only insurance is that of McIntyre, who has policies in the Home Company to an amount much above his loss. The origin of the fire could not be ascertained, but it was supposed that the woodwork of the cellar had taken fire from the gas-light. One of the men employed about the stables came home intoxicated about half an hour before the fire broke out, and it was thought by some of the employes that the straw had taken fire from a pipe which he was smoking.

Collision in Fourth-Avenue.

At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a collision occurred between two railroad trains in Fourth-avenue, which, happily, did not result seriously. The collision was between the Hudson River Railroad train, outward bound, and the Harlem train coming in, and the trains came together on the switch between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets. Both trains were filled with passengers, but the shock was so slight that none of them were injured. Several of the cars were slightly damaged. The accident is reported to have been caused by the carelessness of the switchman stationed at that point.

Yachting Notes.

The first yacht race of the season will be contested to-day from the Idle Hour, Greenville, between the sloop yachts Lulu, Commodore Prague, and the Idle Hour, Capt. Thomas Taylor. The race is ten miles to windward and return.

On Wednesday a scrub regatta will take place from the Short Branch House, South Brooklyn, open to all yachts, twenty-three feet and under, the course to be from the start boat off Thirty-seventh-street, South Brooklyn, to and around Robbin's Reef Light-house buoy, then to and around the buoy off Long Dock; course to be sailed over three times. About a dozen yachts have already entered.

The new yacht Commodore, built last Winter for Capt. Joe. Ellsworth, of the Brooklyn Club, is now ready for sea. Her new sails were bent on Saturday, and in her new racing rig she looks every inch a flyer.

The Meta, ex-Commodore G. A. Being, was launched on Saturday from McGlehan's yard. Pamrapo, having been extensively altered.

The Kaiser Wilhelm, Mr. Mott, is all ready for work, only waiting for her racing sails, which are to be bent to-day.

The schooner yachts Madeleine, Commodore Jacob Voorhis, Jr., and Idler, Mr. S. J. Colgate, are lying off Hoboken, in full trim and ready for racing.

The Harlem Yacht Club regatta will take place in June.

The Columbia Yacht Club has decided upon holding their opening regatta on the 30th of June.

The Brooklyn Union regatta, on the 12th of June, promises to be the grandest yachting event that has ever taken place in our waters.

SUNDAY TRAGEDIES.

A Son Shoots His Mother in Brooklyn—Brutal Stabbing Case in This City.

Mrs. Roderick was shot and killed on the side walk in front of No. 105 Ninth-street, South Brooklyn, last evening, during a wrangle between her son, George Roderick, and George Corcoran. The two latter had been at enmity with each other for some time, and Roderick had frequently told Corcoran not to speak to him, and avoided him on several occasions. Roderick is twenty years old, and was studying for the legal profession in the office of Messrs. Morris & Pearsall, Brooklyn. He resided with his parents, his father being a druggist, at No. 105 Ninth-street, near Second-avenue. Early yesterday afternoon, he went down to Fort Hamilton in company with a friend. Shortly after 7 P. M. he returned, and as he approached the house in Ninth-street, Corcoran, in company with Thos. Fitilum, came in sight round the corner and walked up Ninth-street. As they passed Roderick, Cocoran shouted "Hallo," to which salutation Roderick briefly replied. As the latter laid his hand on the gate, Corcoran, who had turned back, ran up, and seizing him roughly by the arm, said: "Here, don't you want to fight?" Seeing at once that he was under the influence of liquor, Roderick tried to pacify him, and invited him into the house. He refused to go, and after an interchange of abuse with Roderick he struck the latter twice. Blows were interchanged, and Corcoran, drawing back, exclaimed: "I hear you've got a revolver; I've got one, too." At the same moment he put his hand behind him as if to draw a pistol. Roderick saw the movement, and drew his own pistol at the same moment. Meanwhile Mrs. Roderick, hearing the noise of the quarrel, ran out to the sidewalk as her son drew the pistol. Hoping to prevent bloodshed, she made an attempt to seize it, and got her hand on it just as Corcoran caught the barrel. The pistol was ready cocked, and the hammer fell. The bullet entered the forehead of Mrs. Roderick, just over the left eye, and lodging in the brain, killed her instantly. A crowd of neighbors gathered around the body and carried it into the house. When young Roderick realized that his pistol had been the instrument of his mother's death, his grief was indescribable, and he remained in the house by the body until 7:30 o'clock, when Sergt. Driscoll came down and took him to the station-house. He was taken to the Eighth Precinct Station-house, and thence to the lock-up on Third-avenue, and confined in a cell. Fitilum was also arrested as an accessory, but Corcoran fled the moment he saw Mrs. Roderick fall. He went over Hamilton-avenue Bridge, and an officer of the Third Subprecinct, observing him intoxication, arrested and conveyed him to the station-house. Soon after the Sergeant in charge was notified to hold him as an accessory to the shooting. Mr. Roderick, Sr., who is employed in a drug-store, was immediately sent for to share the grief of his family. Corcoran is nineteen years old, and was a nephew of young Roderick, being the son of an elder sister of the latter. Mrs. Roderick was fifty years of age.

Probable Murder in this City—A Little Boy Stabbed by an Italian.

At about 8 o'clock last evening a number of boys were playing a game known as "crack of the whip" in front of No. 91 Mulberry-street. The game consists in the boys joining hands and then pulling in different directions, the lad releasing his hold first becoming subject to a prescribed penalty. While the boys were playing this game in front of the above premises, a tenement-house inhabited chiefly by Italian families, they accidentally knocked up against Giovanni Arata, an Italian lad residing with his parents at No. 91, knocking off his hat. The boys laughed boisterously at this *contretemps* but Giovanni did not take the matter as a joke. He became very angry, and after muttering some words in Italian, he rushed up to the apartments of his parents. Arming himself with a large-bladed pocket-knife belonging to his father, he returned to the sidewalk where the boys were still playing, and approaching one of the lads named John Golden, aged ten years, residing at No. 89 Mulberry-street, plunged the knife into his left side, inflicting a horrible wound. The unfortunate boy sank to the sidewalk and fainted from the pain. An alarm was raised, and an excited crowd consisting of the Irish and Italian residents of the neighboring tenement-houses gathered about the wounded boy and his assailant, who had not succeeded in making his escape. Giovanni would have, no doubt, been summarily dealt with by the crowd of excited Irishmen, but for the opportune arrival of Patrolman McGrath, of the Sixth Precinct, who took charge of both the lads, and with the aid of several other officers whom he had summoned to his assistance, conveyed them to the Franklin-street Police Station. It was then found that the lad had received a terrible wound in the left side of the abdomen, just above the groin, from the gaping lips of which the intestines protruded. The wound will in all probability prove fatal. An ambulance was summoned, and the boy was taken to the Park Hospital in care of Dr. Joyce.

Giovanni was locked up at the station-house, and will be detained to await the result of the wound. He refused to make any statement in relation to the affair, and in answer to all questions, replied, "Me no speak English."

SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

An Address by Mr. Fountain J. Hartley of London.

At Association Hall, last evening, a meeting of Sunday-School teachers and those interested in the schools, was held; the gathering being in the nature of a reception to Mr. Fountain J. Hartley and Mr. Matthew Henry Hodder of London; the former being one of the honorary secretaries of the London Sunday-School Union. Albert Woodruff, Esq., of Brooklyn, presided, and, after the introductory services, presented Mr. Hartley, who delivered a short address. He assured the Sunday-school teachers of America of the heartfelt sympathy of their brethren in the work in England, and alluded to the friendship which prevailed between the two nations; observing that they would have but one contest, which would be in the field of their Christian work. After speaking of the good feeling prevailing in England among those engaged in Sunday-school work toward their fellow-workers in this country—to express which was his mission in coming across the Atlantic—Mr. Hartley spoke of the Continental mission, which has now about 1,000 Sunday-schools established in Germany, France, Italy, and elsewhere on the Continent of Europe, where ten years ago, there were not 300 Sunday-schools altogether. After paying a compliment to the American gentleman who had been one of the promoters of the scheme, the speaker asked the sympathy of Americans in this great mission work, giving an account, somewhat in detail, of the success with which the missionaries have met, especially in Germany, where the Sunday-schools were very highly spoken of. Before concluding he desired to remind his hearers that the Sunday-school work was not the labor of a few teachers only but the work of the whole Church. They must remember that the Church was responsible for them. The Church was bound to make known the Gospel to the young, and in doing this they were fulfilling their greatest and noblest duty. They needed a closer union between the Church and the Sunday-school, and he urged care, energy, thoughtfulness, and prayer on the part of the teachers. They wanted teachers of all the schools to be closely united in recognizing the great end and aim of bringing children to Jesus, and instructing them in biblical knowledge. Sometimes there was a difference of opinion as to what Sunday-school teachers should be, some saying that they should be people of great culture, while others think that all that was needed were warm hearts and willing hands; but he contended that they needed both these qualifications, and both united in the same person if possible, and there was nothing to prevent the working teacher from being a praying teacher, too. Speaking of the new plan for an international lesson system, he earnestly advocated it, saying that it was a grand thought, that all over the world, from east to west, the Sunday-school scholar would be turning to the same chapter and verse in the Scriptures at the same time. He expected Sunday-school teachers to work earnestly and prayerfully, and if the results were not immediately apparent, they might rest assured that their bread cast upon the water would return, though after many days.

Other addresses were delivered on the same subject, and a collection taken up for the benefit of the Continental Missions.

OCEAN POSTAL SERVICE.

Action of the Department in Regard to Existing Contracts.

The Postmaster General will summon this week before him, at Washington, the agents of the White Star, Inman, and Bremen lines in reference to the annulment of the existing mail contract with the White Star line. There has been an attempt made to create sympathy for the White Star line, on the ground that they suffered a heavy loss by the wreck of the Atlantic; but it is not fair to presume that the Postmaster General will allow the public service to be injured on the score of sympathy. He will, doubtless, deal with facts alone in rendering his decision in this matter, which is one of no mean importance to our mercantile community.

The grounds upon which Mr. Creswell's action is based is the repeated failures on the part of the White Star line to take out the United States mails on time, and its ability to do the work satisfactorily in the future.

The contract with this line commenced on the first Saturday in October, 1872, and to show how the line have fulfilled the obligations, we append the following table:

Dec. 21, 1872	No steamer
Feb. 1, 1873	No steamer
April 5, 1873	No steamer
April 12, 1873	No steamer
May 17, 1873	No steamer

And as there is no sailing announced by this line from Liverpool on the 5th of June, consequently there will be none from New-York on the 21st of June, 1873.

Thus it will be seen that in less than two months after taking the contract they failed; they then were up to time for one month, then failed again; another month and then failed; then two failures in one month, and one failure in the next, (the present one,) and one for the coming month (June.)

Now let us look back and see their record as to *promptitude* in leaving with the mails, even when they had ships with which to perform the service:

Name.	Advertised to sail.	Actually sailed.
Oceanic	Nov. 16, 1872	Nov. 17, 1872
Baltic	Nov. 30, 1872	Dec. 1, 1872
Adriatic	Dec. 28, 1872	Dec. 29, 1872
Celtic	Jan. 18, 1873	Jan. 19, 1873
Oceanic*	May 10, 1873	May 12, 1873

*Put back for repairs to machinery, which was known to be in a damaged condition before she started.

We have here enumerated ten distinct failures to comply with the mail contract in nine months. Were it a contract made by any Government but ours, the Postmaster General would have annulled the contract long ago.

The agent here has endeavored to lead the Postmaster General to believe that the line contemplated putting the steamers Belgic and Gaelic in the line as spare boats. These vessels are advertised for regular sailings in the South American trade, and neither of them is announced in the sailings for the 5th of June, so that we have not the slightest idea the managers intend putting them in the Atlantic trade, and much less in the United States mail service. They are not adapted to the trade, being slow freight boats, their speed being only between nine and ten knots per hour under the most propitious circumstances. The statement of these "spare boats" on this line is laughed at by all practical men who are acquainted with the requirements of the mail service, and in perfect keeping with the statements of men who advertise their ships the largest in the world when there are fifteen larger ships in the trade, and none of them 6,000 register or burden.

Personal.

Gov. O. A. Hadley and Gen. John N. Sarber, of Arkansas; Hons. L. L. Lewis, of Buffalo; J. H. Graham, of Delhi; George Bowen, of Batavia, and James Wood, of Geneseo, N. Y., and George H. Torney, M. D., of the United States Navy, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Ex-Gov. Stevenson, of Kentucky; Col. James Oakes, of Boston; G. F. Barstow and B. H. Randolph, of the United States Army, are at the New-York Hotel.

Ex-Gov. W. B. Lawrence, of Rhode Island, and Lieut. Commander G. G. Campbell, of the Brooklyn Navy, are at the Brevoort House.

Capt. Charles Kennedy, of the steam-ship Baltic, and Gen. Q. A. Gilmore, of the United States Army, are at the Grand Central Hotel.

Paul de Artigues, of San Francisco, and E. Kern, of Brazil, are at the Hoffman House.

Hon. F. A. Alberger, of Buffalo, and Hon. E. O. Perrin, of Albany, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Col. F. G. Stewart, of London, England, and Anthony Barclay, of Savannah, are at the Astor House.

Col. R. A. Crawford, of the United States Army, is at the St. James Hotel.

Severe Thunder-Storm on Long Island.

A thunder-storm of the most terrific character, accompanied by serious loss of life, passed over the villages of Flushing, Jamaica, and Springfield, on Saturday afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'clock. At Foster's meadow, on the farm of Mr. Hendrickson, about a dozen German laborers were at work cutting asparagus, and it is supposed that the long knives used by them served to attract the lightning, as two of them, named Henry Hinker and Henry Hooler, who were engaged in a row apart from the rest, were struck and instantly killed, and a number of the others received severe shocks. Another laborer, at work on the Suydam farm, near Flushing, name unknown, was also instantly killed, and quite a number of narrow escapes are reported. Many trees in the track of the storm, which was south-easterly, were riven by the lightning from top to roots.

City Missions.

The services at the Washington-square M. E. Church last evening were in behalf of the New-York City Mission and Church Extension Society. Mr. Charles Applegate presided, and in a brief address stated the objects of the society. Rev. Dr. Eddy referred to the great good accomplished by the society in the lower wards of the City, and asserted that, in his opinion, five years hence the population below Fourteenth-street would be larger than it is at the present time. In consequence of this the churches below Fourteenth-street must be looked to, and new ones erected in order to gather the strangers in. He thought that all churches should be open all day on Sunday for religious purposes, and not closed up after such service.

Foreign Missions.

Twenty-three years ago Bishop Foster, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced his pastorate in this City. At a recent meeting of the Board of Missions of the Church he was appointed to go on a tour to Europe, and from thence to South America, to visit the several mission stations of the Church, and to attend sundry conferences, on which journey he will start on Saturday next. Yesterday morning he delivered a sermon before his old congregation, at St. Luke's Church, Forty-first-street and Sixth-avenue in the course of which he feelingly alluded to his temporary absence from his late field of labor.

Stopping a Funeral.

A funeral procession passed down Broadway yesterday, on its way to Green-Wood Cemetery, when the undertaker suddenly discovered that he had mislaid the necessary burial permit, without which he could not cross the ferry. As soon as he appreciated the situation, the undertaker stopped the procession, and leaving the mourning carriages standing in the street, drove the hearse rapidly to the offices of the Board of Health, where the clerk on duty issued a duplicate certificate, and the funeral proceeded to its destination. The event created considerable excitement for a time, but it was soon forgotten, as incidents of City life usually are.

The Heat.

The first case of insolation for this season was reported by the police yesterday afternoon. Isaac Van Tine, aged 35, residing at No. 115 Avenue D, was found insensible from the heat at the corner of Bedford and Morton streets. He was taken to the Greenwich-street Police Station, and after receiving medical attention, was removed to his home.

Cricket Notes.

The first regular cricket match of the present season will be played on Friday next, at Staten Island, between the St. George's and the Staten Island Cricket Clubs. The wickets will be pitched at 11 o'clock.

At a recent meeting of the Prospect Park Club, the following officers were elected: President, John Y. Culyer; Vice-President, George Keller; Secretary, Henry Chadwick; Treasurer, W. H. Hesser; Board of Management, Messrs. W. C. Hudson, James Terry and Andrew McLean.

Curious Electrical Phenomena in the West.

From the Des Moines (Iowa) Register, May 18.

Wednesday evening last the air was so full of electricity that for several hours it was almost impossible to get the telegraph wires to work. Other phenomena indicating the presence of an immensely large amount of the lightning fluid were observed not only here but in other places. No report has reached us any more curious than that connected with the passage of the Eastern-bound express train on the Rock Island Road. From the time the train left Stuart, the track behind it appeared for several car-lengths like a stream of fire. Passengers in the sleeping-car crowded to the rear door to gaze at the unaccustomed spectacle. On they rushed, the fiery eye of the locomotive in front, that trailing banner of flame behind. As they entered the valley, above Commerce Mills, the current increased, as it did in all the low, damp places, until the ribbons of fire made a regular illumination behind the train. It was evidently caused, in some unexplained way, by the friction of the car-wheels. The same phenomenon was noticed at the car-yards in this city, but the light was not so bright nor did it continue so long.

RIFLE PRACTICE.

Progress of the Preparations for the Creedmoor Range Opening—Additional Prizes and Particulars.

The proposed range at Creedmoor, Long Island, may safely be considered one of the surest means of bringing rifle practice in its best and most improving shape before the would-be sharpshooters of our National Guard and local organizations. Indeed, just now, the desire to make a useful knowledge of firearms general is evident from the number of clubs and associations that are being formed in different parts of this and adjoining States, but notably in Albany, Buffalo, and New-York, all of which, it is expected and believed, will be fully represented at the approaching contest, to take place in Queens County next month. For instance, there is the "Amateur Rifle Club," of this City, which has been organized to promote the introduction and use of the most improved rifles, and to encourage long-range practice without regard to any military organization. This body, composed of young men in business, will be subject to the laws governing the practice of the National Rifle Association, on whose grounds they will shoot next month on the opening day, when, it is thought, Gov. Dix and other prominent persons will be present.

The National Rifle Association have been completing, or rather pushing forward, their preparations to formally open their range at Creedmoor, Queens County, during the second week in June. John E. Church, the supervising engineer, has been engaged in superintending the erection and placing of twenty targets imported from England for the use of the marksmen in their approaching competition. The grounds also are being carefully attended to; tents for the secretaries and friends of the members are about to be "pitched," and the general arrangements are in course of perfection.

The targets above mentioned contain the Hill (raised) and Scoble (sunken) butts. The success of each shot will be indicated thus: A marker will be stationed in his "hut" outside of and looking toward the target; when a man has fired, this marker will pass through the window of his hut a pole, on the end of which will be a disc of white, red, or black; the former to indicate a bull's-eye shot, the second inside the centre, and the third outside.

There are to be four matches on the opening day, viz.: One with the Remington rifle, open to members of the association; one between members with any kind of rifle, at each of which prizes amounting to $50, besides a gold badge, will be offered; a "National Guard Match," to be competed for by twelve men from each regiment of the New-York, New-Jersey and Connecticut State National Guard, each company naming one and the commanding officer the remainder. The prizes for these are: To the best shot, a gold badge and a money prize of $50; second, a gold-mounted Winchester rifle valued at $100; third, $25 in money; fourth, $20; fifth, $15; sixth, $10; six next best, each $5 in money, and the best twelve, to be divided among them, $250. The fourth match will be for a prize of $150, which is offered by Gen. W. G. Ward, commanding First Brigade, for "rapidity and accuracy in firing with a military breech-loader, at a target 200 yards off; time, one minute." To this the association proposes to add $25 as a second prize. One rule is laid down to govern the style of firearm to be used in these contests, which peremptorily excludes all guns weighing more than ten pounds and having telescopic sights and hair-triggers.

The conditions governing the matches require that the competitors shall be regular members, in good standing, of the organization which they represent, appear in uniform, and shoot with the rifle used by their command. The firing will be at 200 and 500 yards, five shots and two sighting shots being allowed at each distance, all competitors not making eight points at the first being ruled out from the second competition. In all cases bulls' eye shots shall count 4; centres 3, and outers 2. No entrance fee or other charge will be made to competitors in the "National Guard Match," but each regiment sending a "team of twelve" will be expected to send a reliable sergeant with them to act as score-keeper. The Secretary issued the following circular on Saturday:

NO. 194 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, May 26, 1873.

SIR: If you desire to enter for either or both of the matches, open to members of the National Rifle Association, to be shot for at the opening of the range, you will please fill up and forward to me the accompanying blank, together with your entrance fee, as soon as practicable, on receipt of which a ticket will be forwarded to you, showing the hour and target at which you are to shoot. If unable to attend, your entrance fee will be returned, provided your ticket is sent me before the day of the match.

Entries made after June 1 must be subject to the target accommodations then remaining. Respectfully yours, GEO. W. WINGATE, Secretary.

RETURN OF COMPETITORS FOR ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

Name.	Regimental match, open to any town or company in the First Brigade.	Match open to any rifle.....	Match Second.	Match Third.	Match Fourth.	Entrance fee inclosed. $1 for 1st and $2 for 2d.

In addition to the foregoing arrangements the association design to have guns, ammunition, and markers for hire on the grounds before and after the opening day, to afford opportunities for practice to persons desiring it, at all times. Furthermore, a private trial of the targets and the general outfit of range will be had, it is hoped, this week. At any rate, every effort to facilitate such a test is being put forward. On the day of the contest, which will begin in the forenoon, the Governor, if present, will distribute the prizes to the victors.

HAYTI.

Unsettled Condition of the Country—American Claims.

A letter from Port-au-Prince under date of the 3d of May, says:

As regards the state of affairs here little or no change for the better is expected to take place until the present lame administration which grievously afflicts the country makes room for a more sensible one, and this is looked for with eagerness. Meanwhile, as a natural consequence of the disorderly acts and gross blunders of the Government, things in general remain in their usual topsy-turvy condition. In the midst of the existing chaos, while the rapacious clique in power are accomplishing their selfish purposes, like vultures preying upon a carcass, the better class of the people who have been so unsparingly victimized, are struggling hard to extricate themselves from the lamentable condition in which the whole land has been hurled by these voracious plotters.

Notwithstanding this state of things, however, the public revenue has been unusually large for the last three years past, and as one-half of this is over and above the expenditures of the Republic, it easily finds its way into the deep pockets of those who hold the reins of power, although the "House of Assembly" have repeatedly remonstrated against these scandalous abuses. As usual, under such circumstances, the Government, whenever called upon to meet honorably their liabilities, coolly plead "poverty," and put off their settlement to an indefinite period, until great pressure is brought to bear against them to compel them to pay. British and French subjects' claims are generally settled without much delay, owing to the strenuous efforts and pressing demands of the representatives of Great Britain and France. Not long since a portion of the arrears of the Haytian indemnity was paid to France, but not without having been pressed closely by the Chargé d'Affaires of that nation.

So far the just claims of American citizens are in sufferance, although they have been verified over and over by the mixed and unmixed commission appointed by the Government for that purpose. The only claimant who stands a chance, whether his acts are correct or not, of being paid a portion of the amount he claims, is one Capt. Cutts, an American citizen, who has been a long time in the country, and is the father of seven children by a Haytian woman, for out of consideration for these children, the Government seems somewhat disposed to favor him within the limits of possibility. As for the other unfortunate claimants, unless Mr. Basset, the United States Minister, shows his teeth to the Government, like the representatives of Great Britain and France, they will have to wait a long time before they get what justly belongs to them.

Business is very dull and in a complete state of torpor ever since the withdrawal of the paper currency, which has affected the usual course of affairs considerably.

The Late Mr. Wallack.

BALTIMORE, May 25.—The remains of Mr. James W. Wallack reached this city at 10 o'clock to-night, on their way to New-York, accompanied by his wife and cousin Lester, and were met at Camden-street Station by Manager John T. Ford and the members of his company.

NEW-YORK AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

We are once more indebted to the officers of the Baltic, and to the management of the White Star line, for liberal and late additions to our European files.

At a late hour on Saturday night, William Hawkoban, a peddler, forty-eight years of age died suddenly while ascending the stairs at his residence, No. 546 West Fifty-first-street.

Most Rev. Archbishop McCloskey, yesterday, administered the rights of confirmation to 600 children and 100 adults, in St. Mary's Church, corner of Grand and Ridge streets.

Joseph Groulick, aged four years, fell out of a third-story window of his parents' residence, No. 405 East Houston-street, yesterday afternoon, and was so badly injured that he died soon after.

The steam-boat train, so popular in former seasons, for Hartford, Springfield, &c., in connection with the New-Haven boat from Peck-slip at 3:15 P. M., commences running Monday next.

Emma Kurtz, aged fifteen, residing with her parents at No. 15 Suffolk-street, died last night from the effects of a dose of Paris green, which, it is reported, she had taken Saturday with suicidal intent.

The building No. 109 Worth-street, occupied by McKillopp, Sprague & Co., was considerably damaged yesterday morning, by an overflow of Croton water from a faucet, which had been carelessly left open.

Arnold De Novelle, aged fifteen, of No. 1,091 First-avenue, while fishing from the deck of a schooner lying off Sixty-second-street, yesterday, in the East River, fell overboard and was drowned. His body was not recovered.

Chas. Lebarbierre, an Italian, twenty-one years of age, who was admitted to Bellevue Hospital on the 17th inst., suffering from injuries accidentally received while working on a railroad in Connecticut, died there yesterday.

At an early hour yesterday morning, an old shanty, situated in Third-avenue, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, owned by James Harrington, and occupied by him as a junk-shop, was destroyed by fire. Loss, $100; no insurance.

A quarrel occurred at a late hour on Saturday, in the lumber-yard at the foot of Clarkson-street, North River, between Edward D. Jarvis, aged thirty-four, of No. 8 Commerce-street, and some unknown man, during which Jarvis was severely injured.

Thomas Donnelly, aged thirty-four, of No. 329 East Eleventh-street, during a quarrel with an unknown man in the liquor store of Henry Coran, No. 177 First-avenue, at an early hour yesterday morning, received a severe cut with a pocket-knife under the right ear. His assailant escaped.

Henry Brandle, aged six years, of No. 249 Second-street, was run over by a car of the Avenue C Railroad, at the corner of Avenue C and Second-street, yesterday, and had both legs cut off at the knees. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital in a dying condition. The driver of the car was arrested.

Last evening Wm. Price, aged six years, residing at No. 300 Pearl-street, was riding home from Clinton-street on the front platform of a car of the Belt line. When the car reached Peck-slip, the lad asked the driver to stop and allow him to step off. The driver refused to stop, and pushed the boy off the platform. The lad stumbled and fell, and the wheels of the car passed over his left foot, crushing it badly.

BROOKLYN.

Coroner Whitehill will resume the Goodrich inquest on the afternoon of June 4.

At noon yesterday the two-story frame house, No. 16 Clinton-avenue, was set on fire by a defective flue and damaged $500; insured for $700 in the Citizens' Company, of New-York.

Frederick Schinmeister, a German, thirty years of age, attempted suicide at No. 30 South Fifth-street, yesterday morning, by stabbing himself in the head and arms with a clasp-knife.

The sixteen prisoners arrested on the occasion of the raid on Charles Williams' faro-bank, in Williamsburg, on Saturday evening, were yesterday brought before Justice Elliott, and all but Williams and the dealer were admitted to bail in $300 each.

LONG ISLAND.

During the past week handbills offering the authorized reward of $750 for the recovery of the body of Charles G. Kelsey, dead or alive, have been extensively circulated on Long Island and in Connecticut. A photographic likeness of Kelsey is pasted upon each bill, and the features are sufficiently marked to render identification easy to any one who might meet him. There is little remaining doubt, however, that Kelsey is dead.

A number of serious fires have recently occurred in the woods at the east end of the island, some accidental and some purposely set. At Yaphank fifteen acres of heavy woodland, belonging to Mr. Nathaniel Tuthill, were burned over, and twenty cords of wood cut and piled near by were also destroyed. Near Bellport a large tract of woodland, belonging to Walter Howell and H. B. Howan, was burned, having been purposely set on fire by some person unknown. The fire at one time threatened the destruction of the village, which was with difficulty saved. The aggregate losses by these and other similar fires are estimated at from $20,000 to $30,000.

Mr. Louis d'Homergue has bought the farm of Mr. M. D. Loper, at Shelter Island, and proposes to establish a new watering place there, to be called "Windermere Park." He has formed a joint stock company, and has already disposed of several thousand dollars' worth of stock, besides a number of lots for Summer residences. He also proposes to establish a steam-ferry for the accommodation of visitors, and it is expected that the people of North Haven will open a new wagon road to afford a fine drive from Sag Harbor to the ferry. Mr. d'Homergue has offered to deed a lot to the Brooklyn Yacht Club as a site for a club-house, but it is not yet known whether it has been accepted.

STATEN ISLAND.

To-day the Staten Island shad-fishing season closes.

Several thousand dollars of last years' unpaid back-pay bills in the town of Middletown, within the village of Edgewater, will be returned to the State Controller, on the 10th of June next, if not paid by that time. The total sum realized from the sales of property in the village foots up to $3,915.

NEW-JERSEY.

The fourteenth anniversary of the Jersey City Sabbath-school Teachers' Association will be celebrated at the Grove-street Baptist Church this evening.

The police of Newark yesterday arrested six boys for bathing in the Morris Canal, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, in violation of the city ordinance.

Edward S. Dudley, the son of Russel Dudley, who shot himself at the foot of the Hundred Steps, foot of Franklin-street, Jersey City, on Saturday night, died at his father's residence on Summit-avenue yesterday morning at four o'clock.

The recently-completed St. Mark's German Catholic Church on Hamilton-street, Rahway, was yesterday dedicated. Rev. Father Henry Lemke, O. S. D., the pastor; Rev. Father Shilgr, of Elizabeth; Smith, of Rahway, and others participated in the services.

Accidental Shooting.

Richard Worken, nineteen years of age, and Henry Henges, occupied a room together at the corner of Lee-avenue and Rutledge-street, Brooklyn. Yesterday afternoon Worken was showing Henges a pistol, owned by his employer, and the trigger being accidentally pulled, Henges received the bullet in the left breast, near the heart. Dr. Alcock was summoned, but was unable to locate the ball. His wound, it is thought, will terminate fatally. Worken, who was much affected at the accident, was arrested.

New-York Sunday-School Association—Special Services Yesterday.

A special service celebrating the beginning of the fifth year of the Sunday-school Association of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was held, last evening, in St. Ann's Church, West Eighteenth-street. Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, pastor of the church, in stating the objects of the meeting, said that it was deemed advisable to celebrate the anniversary by a special reunion of the members, at which a collection should be taken up to enable the Treasurer to discharge certain obligations which had been incurred by the Winter course of lectures.

Rev. Walter Delafield, in the course of a long address, said that he thought the present Sunday-school system was the offspring of that spirit of acquisition which pervaded all classes of society. As the millionaire desired to acquire an additional million, the man of business to increase his warehouses, or the farmer to add a few more acres to his farm, so did those who thirsted for knowledge display a desire for further information. Parents, whose education was very often defective, desired to give their children all the opportunities of learning within their reach, and the question of compulsory education, as practiced in Germany, had been mentioned to Americans to ascertain their feelings in the matter. While anxious to give the public schools all the praise they deserved, the history of the last Congress and of the Vienna Exposition, the speaker said, was enough to bring a blush to the cheek of every American, and showed conclusively that the morals of the country were no better now than before the introduction of the schools. People whose friends were in positions of trust actually trembled for their integrity, and one dreaded to read the newspapers less they might see the names of their best-known friends marked with a red dash. The public-school system was not calculated to solve the problem of how good men and women were to be made. Even retaining the Bible would not solve the difficulty, inasmuch as it may be only used for a mere matter of form in the hands of an infidel teacher. The real solution was in the Sunday-schools, where the growing races would receive, at the hands of zealous pastors and devout superintendents, that sound moral and religious training which they could not obtain in the public schools. He could conceive no greater danger than that of setting children afloat without a proper controlling power to carry them through the world. If the friends of the Sundry-school system had their will they would have the men of note in mercantile, law, and other occupations spend their Sundays in teaching the young, and fitting the rising generation for positions of trust and honor.

Rev. Prof. Seymour also delivered an address, in which he counseled